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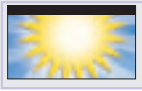

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Province replaces health authorities with single board

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

The Alberta government will replace its nine regional health authorities with one large provincial body that will ensure better access to its ballooning $13-billion health-care system, says Premier Ed Stelmach.

Liepert

"The present regional model ... has served the province well, but this structure will not guarantee that we can get to the next level and that's to help build a public health-care system that will serve Alberta's growing needs," said Stelmach.

However, critics of yesterday's announcement say the decision is based on a lack of planning as it didn't include any public consultation or input from health care staff.

"What we are attempting to put in place is a governance model that takes us into the 21st century that can get us better access in a more sustainable system," said Health Minister Ron Liepert.

"If at the end of the day there is cost savings, that's a plus, but it is not designed around cost cutting or saving money at this stage."

With the health system taking up close to half of the province's total budget, Stelmach says more provincial cash must be devoted to front-line delivery rather than paying for administration.

Critics, however, say dissolving the boards will harm regional health care that has already been through plenty of restructuring.

"Once again we are seeing a very arrogant approach to managing a very crucial and important issue to Albertans," said NDP health critic Rachael Notley.

She said she's disappointed that the government met behind closed doors without ever consulting with health care staff.

Liepert, meanwhile, says the government has created a seven-member interim board to manage all the authorities, along with the Alberta Mental Health Board, the Alberta Cancer Board and the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, into one entity, for the next six to nine months.

history

» The province's health regions were reduced to nine from 17 back in April 2003.

The transition period would allow existing health authorities enough time to settle issues and contracts with its unions, said Liepert, before a much larger board is announced.

Liepert says anyone who works in the health-care system will not be affected by the changes.

CALGARY ZOO/GARTH IRVINE

The Calgary Zoo welcomed its newest member in the wee hours yesterday morning with the birth of a baby Western Lowland gorilla to mom Zuri. Zoo staff are keeping a watchful eye on the pair, waiting for Zuri's maternal instinct to take over and for the bonding between mom and baby to begin.

Zoo celebrates birth

By **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
Metro Calgary

At a time when the Calgary Zoo mourns the loss of 40 stingrays, a glimmer of hope came in the form of a beautiful baby gorilla, born to mom Zuri early yesterday morning.

"We could not be more pleased with the way things are going in this initial phase. Zuri and her newborn are doing very well," zookeeper Garth Irvine said.

bonding

» The critical period of bonding will be the stiffest test, say zoo officials, and if there are any problems they will become apparent in the next while as zookeepers keep a watchful eye.

The gorilla team is optimistic the newest arrival will do well after Zuri's first born in 2006 died after 12 days. Lack of stature in the troop is believed to have hampered Zuri's ability to care for her first baby, and the mothering was eventually taken over by Tabitha, another female gorilla in the troop.

Zookeeper Les Stegenga said they have been working with Zuri the past few months preparing her for motherhood.

"The troop dynamics have changed drastically since the last birth two years ago and Zuri is now the most dominant female in the group," Stegenga said.

Custom bike king rolls into Calgary

By **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
Metro Calgary

James

The "wild wild" west King of motorcycles is making his Canadian debut in the city this weekend.

Jesse James is in town to kick off the first annual King of Customs Motorcycle Show and the popular West Coast Chopper is expected to make a splash.

"This is huge; Jesse James is an idol to custom bike guys, and the girls like him, too. There will be a lot of people coming this weekend to see him," spokesperson Patrick Nichol told Metro.

« Jesse James is an idol to custom bike guys, and the girls like him, too. »
Patrick Nichol, spokesperson

James customizes motorcycles on the popular reality television show Monster Garage and this weekend Calgarians will have a chance to mingle with the star and get autographs.

The show runs this long weekend at the Round-Up Centre tomorrow, Sunday and Monday. For more information visit *www.kingofcustoms.ca.*

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Portrait gallery bid 'rock solid'

$500K proposal competing with nine other cities

By **NEIL MACKINNON**
Metro Calgary

A couple scribbles with golden pens, smiles, a handshake, a document sealed with a kiss for good luck.

With that, Calgary Mayor Dave Bronconnier finished the city's $500,000 bid for the National Portrait Gallery, which may find its permanent home on the northwest corner of Olympic Plaza after three months of bureaucratic deliberation in Ottawa.

"It is our view as a city that this bid is the strongest bid we've put forth for any event," Bronconnier said, adding the international recognition of the Olympic Plaza, combined with the city's partnership with Plenary Group Canada, who will oversee the project, and community and business support should ensure Calgary as a serious contender among the nine cities vying for the gallery.

> « *It is our view as a city that this bid is the strongest bid we've put forth for any event.* »
> *Calgary Mayor Dave Bronconnier*

"This bid is rock solid, it comes with support that I don't believe could be matched anywhere else," the mayor said.

While Bronconnier wouldn't tip his hat as to the eventual total cost of the project, expected to take up to three years to complete, but the province has already committed $40 million, the city's donating the land, the rest will come from private funding, and the word iconic was tossed around like a handbag in a catfight.

"It's a significant building and a significant sum of money," said Bronconnier before spilling out more than half a dozen iconic national and international sites like the Saddledome and the Canadian Parliament Buildings that the Gallery will stand among.

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Advocates rally in bid to save safe-injection site

By **ALICIA FOX**
for Metro Calgary

In a quiet plea and peaceful vigil, Leah Martin and Joey Only from Vancouver stood outside Stephen Harper's Calgary constituency office yesterday afternoon, protesting his plan to close Insite, the controversial safe-injection site in Vancouver.

Mark Townsend, executive director of the Portland Hotel Society, which operates the Vancouver site, flew to Calgary for the event and to hand-deliver letters both from the public and B.C.'s health minister petitioning Harper to keep the centre open.

"It isn't about politics, it's about public health," he said. With a million injections done on site since it opened in 2003, Townsend said if it closes, addicts will be right back in parks and alleys sharing infected needles.

> « *It isn't about politics, it's about public health.* »
> *Mark Townsend, executive director of the Portland Hotel Society*

With a decision to be made by the end of June, Martin and Only are raising awareness by driving across Canada to Ottawa and will lodge 1,000 wooden crosses into Parliament Hill representing those who have overdosed at the centre but have not died because a nurse was readily available.

"If it was as simple as detox and treatment, we wouldn't be here," Townsend said, adding that those who go to the site are 33 per cent more likely to seek treatment.

ROBIN KUNSKI FOR METRO CALGARY

Joey Only and Leah Martin of Vancouver hold a peaceful vigil in front of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's constituency office in Calgary yesterday protesting his plan to close Vancouver's Insite.

Zoo sends thanks

Support 'a blessing' after ray deaths

By **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
Metro Calgary

While the zoo keeps a watchful eye on the remaining stingrays, they are also praising Calgarians' kindness.

Zoo spokesperson Laurie Herron said while the three stingrays are doing "OK" during, veterinarians are still worried about them.

"Well, they are still with us so that's a good sign, but they aren't out of the woods yet," Herron said.

exhibits closed

» The stingray and neighbouring elephant exhibits remain closed while the zoo awaits toxicology results to determine what exactly killed 40 of 43 stingrays.

Herron wanted to thank Calgarians for their e-mails and letters in the wake of the stingrays' deaths this week.

"We have had a huge amount of support for people writing letters and e-mails and offering support and to help us," she said. "The support is tremendous, it's a blessing."

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»news In Brief

» **DEATH** A careless ATV trip turned deadly Wednesday, as a two-year-old boy was thrown from an airborne quad that was unable to stop. Just before 7 p.m., Taber RCMP responded to the scene of the accident on private rural property. Investigators determined that five people were riding on the quad, designed to hold two. The 32-year-old male driver had four children on the quad — none were wearing helmets. The toddler died in hospital. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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New LRT plan draws ire

Alderman vows to fight West proposal

By **NEIL MACKINNON**
Metro Calgary

Blindsided and flabbergasted, Ward 6 Ald. Joe Connelly couldn't be less impressed with the city's revised plan for the West LRT.

Connelly said the new "cheap route" proposal stands to split his ward in two and trash the aesthetics of the community, and he wants the entire route buried — especially at the intersection of 17 Ave. SW and 45 St.

a few suggestions

» Ward 6 Ald. Joe Connelly plans on making his voice abundantly heard with new suggestions, including ending the line at Westbrook Mall, at the next Land Use and Transportation meeting Wednesday.

"They've timed a fire truck coming out of there in heavy traffic and it took 90 seconds just to leave the property," Connelly said. "The police have serious concerns, the fire department has serious concerns, and the city sits there with their heads in the sand choosing to ignore it all. Ridiculous."

Mayor Dave Bronconnier said while the revised plan should assuage the privacy concerns of Sunalta-Scarbro residents who didn't want the elevated lines peering into their backyards, he's well aware more concerns, like the one brought forward by Connelly, will arise.

"Until the project is complete and a finished sign is pounded into the ground, there's going to be outstanding issues," Bronconnier said. "There always is with these kinds of major infrastructure projects."

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ROBIN KUNISKI FOR METRO CALGARY

Brian Moreland of Calgary Transit holds up the great horned owl he found injured on a downtown street last month. Moreland released the bird of prey yesterday in Nose Hill.

Owl back in wild following rescue

By **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
Metro Calgary

Calgarians may have been wondering "hoo" was flying through the air yesterday.

Last month Calgary Transit supervisor Brian Moreland rescued a great-horned owl after it flew into a downtown building during morning rush-hour traffic. Yesterday, he released the healthy predator back into the wild.

"She had ulcers on her eyes, which is why she flew into the building, and our vet nursed her back to health so now she is a healthy female owl," Moreland told reporters.

Moreland let the owl go at Nose Hill Park and she flew straight for the road, causing a few gasps, but landed safely on a light standard.

"We try not to get attached to the animals before releasing them," the volunteer wildlife worker added.

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>
> *Brian Moreland, Calgary Transit supervisor*

»news In Brief

» **FIRE** It was a smoky SE wake-up call for roughly 80 suites that were evacuated in the early morning hours yesterday. At about 12:30 a.m., Calgary Fire Department responded to an active blaze at an apartment complex on the 2600 block of 16 Ave. SE. Three suites burned and a number of others suffered water damage. No injuries were reported and the fire's cause and damage estimates are still under investigation.

» **ROBBERY** Police are searching for a Caucasian man, believed to be in his early to mid 20s, 6'2" tall, clean shaven and with a slim build and short blond hair in connection with the robbery of a CIBC at 2580 Southland Dr. SW on Wednesday afternoon. City cops are investigating a possible connection between this crime and another robbery at a different financial institution in the same strip mall. Anyone with information is asked to call the CPS Robbery Unit at 206-8787.

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May Long crackdown

By KRISTA SYLVESTER
Metro Calgary

The RCMP is going to be out in full force this weekend and they want party revellers to know they are serious.

Staff Sgt. Patrick Webb told Metro they will be adopting a tough approach to this weekend's bad behaviour.

"We know most people are responsible but we know there are a significant amount of people who think it's a free-for-all weekend, and it's not," Webb said.

> « *I want to say we're taking a zero-tolerance approach but it's more of a minimal tolerance approach.* »
> *Staff Sgt. Patrick Webb*

"I want to say we're taking a zero-tolerance approach but it's more of a minimal tolerance approach."

RCMP will have extended shifts, more patrols, constant Checkstops and even the RCMP helicopter will be out. They are looking for drug and alcohol incidents as well as rowdy behaviour.

Avid camper 27-year-old Paula White told Metro the extra security doesn't affect her.

"My fun doesn't consist of crazy partying, it's more about hiking and climbing. I think it's good to have extra (security) out because there are a lot of families," she said.

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Students bring robot back to life

ANDROS to educate youths at centre

By ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

A piece of police history now retrofitted with a video game controller has just graduated from the University of Calgary's Schulich School of Engineering and is ready to be employed with YouthLink Calgary.

ANDROS, a retiree of the Calgary Police Tactical Team as of 1997, is once again in working order and is accepting the mission of educating youths at the Calgary Police Interpretive Centre. Four university students had the task of bringing the robot, the former police bomb disposal 'bot, back to life without an instruction manual as their fourth-year final project.

pre-set demo

» Sgt. Gail Niinimaa, administrator of YouthLink Calgary, said that while the kids probably won't get a chance to operate ANDROS when he goes on display in the fall, he will probably put on a pre-set demo for the kids.

The hope is that the attraction will bring more kids to the centre, which teaches youth about crime and the consequences of poor lifestyle decisions, with its focus on drugs, bullying and internet safety.

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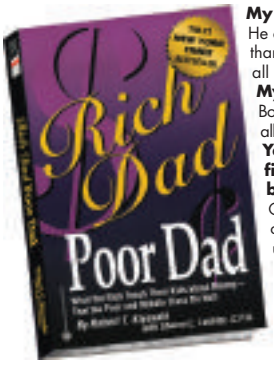

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A Winnipeg man who asked his lover to carve a heart-shaped symbol on his chest during a rough sex game almost died when she accidentally pressed too hard and punctured his heart yesterday. REUTERS

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environment

Ottawa urged to protect polar bears

THREATS Two prominent green groups yesterday said Canada should follow the lead of the United States and take action to protect polar bears, which are threatened by melting ice.

Washington said on Wednesday it was listing the bears as a threatened species.

Although Canada is home to around two-thirds of the world's 25,000 polar bears, Ottawa has not formally declared them in any kind of danger.

"Canada is lagging behind in its global responsibility to protect wildlife," said Rachel Plotkin, a biodiversity policy analyst at the David Suzuki Foundation.

Listing the polar bear as a species of concern would oblige the government to come up with a management plan to help the population, but would still allow the animals to be hunted.

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Plan B drug approved

Over-the-counter status granted to 'abortion' pill

By KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Vancouver

about Plan B

» Plan B can be used within three days of unprotected sex to prevent pregnancy
» The pill retails for about $20-$25 and is 95 per cent effective according to the manufacturer.

British Columbia women who need an emergency contraceptive might soon be able to grab one right off the pharmacy shelf. Yesterday, Plan B — also known as the morning-after pill — was granted over-the-counter status by the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities.

Canada became the fifth country in the world to do so, but the B.C. College of Pharmacists must also give its approval before Plan B moves from behind the counter.

Until yesterday, Plan B was available without a prescription but women had to ask a pharmacist for it. Colleen Metge, former president of the B.C. College of Pharmacists and currently a pharmacy professor in Manitoba, said this intimidated some women.

"Teenagers in particular (might) deny themselves emergency contraception because (they're) too shy or afraid of being judged," Metge said. She said there's no evidence it leads sexual promiscuity or a drop in the use of regular birth control, adding it's not an abortion pill and won't terminate a pregnancy.

Betty Green, president the Vancouver Right For Life Society, said she disapproves of the move. "Anything whose purpose is to end life that has already begun is an abortion," she said. Marshall Moleschi, registrar with the B.C. College of Pharmacists, said a recommendation to the provincial government must still be made, but it will likely be approved in the next few months.

Dion begins pitching carbon tax plan

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion began rolling out his politically risky carbon tax plan yesterday with a carrot-and-stick theme that he hopes will blunt Canadians' objections to higher fuel costs. At the heart of the wide-ranging environmental package are hard-to-sell tax increases that will drive up the cost to homeowners of heating a home with natural gas, heating oil or electricity from coal-fired plants. Details of the plan will not be out for several weeks, but the new measures would increase Ottawa's tax take by an estimated $12 billion a year, according to economists.

The good news in the package is that the Liberals are promising to transfer every penny raised by higher energy taxes back to individual and corporate taxpayers in the form of income tax reductions, incentives for conservation and support for low-income earners.

It's a plan "that's good for your wallet and good for the planet," Dion told an audience in Toronto.

"We must create competitive advantages by lowering taxes on things we want more of — income, (business) innovation, savings and investment.

"And we must shift those taxes towards the things we want less of — pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, smog and waste," he explained.

Liberals also say the program is likely to include tax incentives for businesses to become more energy-efficient and develop new technologies to reduce pollution and promote conservation.

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Zofia Ciscowski appears at the public inquiry into the death of her son.

Mother pleads for an end to stun gun use

Testifies at public inquiry into RCMP Taser death

The mother whose son's death at a Vancouver airport ignited debate over the safety of Taser stun guns wept yesterday as she called for a moratorium on their use.

"I know my son would not (have) died if he was not Tasered," Zofia Ciscowski told a public inquiry launched into the death of her son, Robert Dziekanski, during a confrontation with police after he arrived at Vancouver's airport as a new immigrant from Poland.

Ciscowski's lawyer said too many questions have been raised about the weapon's safety and the adequacy of police training on using the Taser to allow it to be used until Canada completes an independent safety investigation.

"It's time to put the genie back in the bottle and to start from square one," lawyer Walter Kosteckyj told the public inquiry, which is looking at both the airport incident and the broader issue of the weapon's use.

Critics have accused Arizona-based Taser of pushing the product into the market without adequate independent testing of health risks such as heart failure.

Taser announced yesterday the release of three new studies in the United States that it said showed its devices had no effect on human hearts or pacemakers.

Images of Dziekanski writhing on the floor of Vancouver International Airport shortly after he was stunned by police were broadcast around the world, but the cause of his death has not yet been determined.

> *«I know my son would not have died if he was not Tasered … I want justice and accountability»*
>
> *Zofia Ciscowski*

Ciscowski, 61, who moved to Canada from Poland nine years ago, said she has lost faith in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police over the handling of the incident and the later investigation of her son's death.

"I want justice and accountability," she said, adding that no mother should have to experience what she did. REUTERS

»news In Brief

» HOW MUCH? The federal Tories are promising a more detailed account of their defence strategy after several communications blunders about the cost to taxpayers overshadowed the 20-year plan for the future of the military. Prime Minister Stephen Harper initially cast the Canada First Defence Strategy as a $30 billion plan at an announcement Monday in Halifax. Two days later, senior military said that up to $50 billion would be spent on planes, ships and weapons for the Canadian Forces over the next two decades. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Government to apologize

Making amends with students of native schools

The government of Canada will issue a long-awaited apology to former students of Indian residential schools on June 11, Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl announced yesterday.

The formal apology coincides with the start of the $60 million truth and reconciliation hearings on native residential schools slated to begin early next month.

The apology is the most recent to be offered by the Conservative government for past historical grievances involving individuals and groups, including the Chinese head tax.

The Tories have also been engaged in compensation talks over Italians interned during World War II, Ukrainians interned during World War I, and Sikhs whose relatives were turned away from Canada in 1914.

Strahl said thousands of former residential students, including National Chief Phil Fontaine, have been calling for a formal apology from the government of Canada for a number of years.

"Our government shares their view that the apology is a crucial step in the journey towards healing and reconciliation," he said.

Commission chair Justice Harry LaForme, of the Ontario Court of Appeal, has said history shows the treatment of native children was a "horrendous" period in Canada's history and that the hearings will help heal the emotional wounds still in evidence today among the 90,000 survivors of the original 150,000 children who attended the residential schools.

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health

Ontario to cover sex changes

LIMITED COVERAGE Ontarians hoping for sex change operations will soon see the surgery covered by provincial health insurance again. Just "8 to 10" people annually are expected to pass the "very rigourous" psychological evaluation required before sex reassignment surgery, Health Minister George Smitherman said yesterday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Spring means snake season

FRED GREENSLADE/REUTERS

Loralie McKelvey reacts as she holds a red-sided garter snake outside the snake's winter den in Narcisse, Man. Students and tourists visit the site where thousands of snakes exit the dens in the spring to perform their frenzied mating ritual before dispersing to nearby marshes.

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Kids Krazy for Spiegelman

B.C. art exhibit features video games, comics

By **KRISTEN THOMPSON**
Metro Vancouver

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Pulitzer prize-winning graphic novelist Art Spiegelman talks about the Vancouver Art Gallery's latest exhibit. KRAZY!, which features comics, anime and art, opens tomorrow.

It's the kind of art exhibit your average teenage boy will want to be dragged to.

The Vancouver Art Gallery is bringing the worlds of anime, comics, cartoons, video games, manga, graphic novels and contemporary art together in one of the biggest exhibits ever organized by the gallery.

KRAZY! The Delirious World Of Anime + Comics + Video Games + Art opens tomorrow and runs until Sept. 7.

Kathleen Bartels, VAG director, said it's a "tremendous opportunity to forward the study of some of the world's fastest growing art forms."

Divided into seven sections defined by medium, the exhibition takes viewers through changing gallery environments that display more than 600 artworks, including sketches, storyboards, video games, animation cels and manga.

Art Spiegelman, a Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic novelist and co-curator of the exhibit, said it's the first of its kind to explore the pervasive visual culture and how its different mediums connect.

"As soon as we make categories for what we're living through, which is a world on screens, we're easily lost. They ooze into other categories."

He said the divides between something like comics and magma, and anime and video games, are blurry and blend into one art form.

Halifax man guilty of spreading HIV

Girlfriend testified he did not tell her he was infected

By **PAUL MCLEOD**
Metro Halifax

A man who had unprotected sex with his girlfriend without telling her he was HIV-positive was found guilty of aggravated sexual assault yesterday in Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

Holland

Blaine Arthur Holland, 36, was diagnosed with HIV in 1995. He testified he told his girlfriend about his condition when they started dating back in March of 2005. But the girlfriend, who cannot be named, said he didn't tell her until a year later, after they had had sex over 100 times. She did not contract HIV.

Justice Arthur Pickup found Holland guilty after noting contradictions in his testimony — Holland initially said he disclosed his HIV status before the relationship got serious, then later said he revealed it before the relationship began.

Bernier takes $70K flight

Tory cabinet minister Maxime Bernier has a taste for expensive travel, government records show.

Bernier

Bernier, who has been foreign affairs minister since last August, took a $70,000 airline flight to attend a two-day conference in Laos last November. Torstar News Service checked airfares and found that the minister could have made the trip for under $7,000. With him on the trip were three staff. The trip is the most expensive since the Tories took power.

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world

Whether summer brings smog or clear skies, Parisians interested to know the quality of the air they breathe need only look up. A giant helium-filled balloon already floating near the Eiffel Tower will be lit with colours that change from green to red depending on pollution levels. REUTERS

Quake toll may top 50,000

China struggling to bury dead, help victims after quake

China struggled late yesterday to bury the dead and offer relief to those left injured, homeless and without food and water by the earthquake that may have killed more than 50,000 people.

From the heart of the disaster zone in the southwestern province of Sichuan, where the 7.9 magnitude quake struck on Monday, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao urged rescuers on, but hopes were fading for those still trapped under rubble.

Troops mobilized

» China has mobilized 130,000 army and paramilitary troops to the disaster area, but the quake buckled roads and triggered mountain landslides, meaning that relief supplies and rescuers have struggled to reach the worst-hit areas.

President Hu Jintao headed to Sichuan late yesterday "to console the victims and inspect the rescue and relief work," the Xinhua news agency said. It will be his first trip to the region since the disaster struck.

Wen also repeated calls from the Communist Party leadership to ensure social stability as frustration and exhaustion grows among survivors, many of whom have lost everything and are living in makeshift tents or in the open air.

About 20,000 are confirmed dead from the quake and at least another 25,000 remain buried, officials said. In the Sichuan town of Yingxiu, where bodies were lined up along the river bank, a Communist Party official warned that epidemics could break out if bodies were not soon buried or cremated. REUTERS

California court OK's gay marriage

Decision overturns ban on same-sex unions in the state

The California Supreme Court overturned a ban on same-sex marriages yesterday in a major victory for gay rights advocates that will allow homosexual couples to marry in the most populous U.S. state.

4-3 ruling

» The California court's 4-3 decision overturns state laws prohibiting same-sex nuptials and is likely to influence other states expected to rule on gay marriage.

The court found that California laws limiting marriage to heterosexual couples are at odds with rights guaranteed by the state's constitution. Opponents of gay marriage vowed to contest the ruling with a statewide ballot measure for a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriages.

The ruling would allow California to be the second state, after Massachusetts, to allow gay marriage. Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Vermont permit same-sex civil unions that grant largely similar rights as those for married couples but lack the full, federal legal protections of marriage.

Californians in 2000 voted to reaffirm a 1977 state law defining marriage as union of a man and woman. But four years later, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom challenged that law by issuing marriage licenses to gay couples, which led to the court battle decided yesterday by the state Supreme Court. REUTERS

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Shelly Bailes, left, and her partner of 34 years, Ellen Pontac, hug after hearing a decision by California's Supreme Court in San Francisco yesterday.

Iran negotiations like 'appeasement': Bush

U.S. President George W. Bush yesterday decried his critics' calls for negotiations with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as comparable to the "appeasement" of Adolf Hitler before World War Two.

Bush's comment in a speech to Israel's parliament was widely interpreted as a swipe at Democratic presidential front-runner Barack Obama, who has advocated talks without preconditions with leaders of such hostile nations as Iran and Cuba.

Though Bush did not name names, Obama quickly issued a blistering response accusing the president of launching a "false political attack."

But the White House denied Bush was referring to the Illinois senator when, drawing parallels to the rise of Nazi Germany in the 1930s, he denounced those he said had urged him to talk to "terrorists and radicals." REUTERS

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» **PROBE** Indian police probed yesterday whether Indian Islamist groups or Bangladeshi infiltrators were behind bombings in the popular Indian tourist city of Jaipur that killed 61 people this week, but made no major arrests.

» **CYCLONE** Myanmar's military government said yesterday its cyclone relief effort was moving along swiftly even as foreign powers warned of starvation and disease among up to 2.5 million people left destitute by the storm. REUTERS

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U.S. can win Iraq war by 2013: McCain

Speech comes as House votes to set withdrawal goal

Republican presidential candidate John McCain said yesterday he believes the Iraq war can be won by 2013, leaving a functioning democracy there and allowing most U.S. troops to come home.

It was the first time the Arizona senator has said when U.S. troops could be withdrawn from Iraq.

His speech came as the House voted to set a goal of withdrawing all troops by the end of next year and defeated legislation to fund the war.

The five-year war is unpopular with the U.S. public and McCain's Democratic rivals for the White House, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, have pledged to begin bringing U.S. troops home right away.

McCain has called such promises reckless and agrees with U.S. President George W. Bush that troop levels should be governed by conditions on the ground.

Speaking with reporters after his speech, McCain insisted he was not talking about a timetable for withdrawal but discussing what he believed would be achieved. REUTERS

symbolic votes

» The two House votes on Iraq were mostly symbolic. The Senate is expected to resurrect war funding next week and Bush is virtually certain to veto any legislation setting troop withdrawal targets that reaches his desk.

Queen Elizabeth **Turkish delight**

FATIH SARBAS/REUTERS

Britain's Queen Elizabeth smiles as she watches ice-cream vendors wearing historical Ottoman outfits on a Bosphorus waterfront of a high school in Istanbul yesterday.

Lebanese to hold crisis talks

Rival Lebanese leaders are scheduled to talks in Qatar today aiming to end a protracted political conflict that pushed the country to the brink of a new civil war.

Leaders of the U.S.-backed ruling coalition and the Hezbollah-led opposition will try to forge a deal to end the standoff which has paralysed government for 18 months and left Lebanon without a president since November.

An Arab League mediation mission sealed an agreement yesterday which ended fighting between ruling coalition supporters and Hezbollah, which is backed by Iran. The sides agreed to talks in Doha as part of the deal. REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **CRIME** A 49-year-old Missouri woman accused of pretending to be a love-struck teenage boy on MySpace and driving a 13-year-old girl to suicide with cruel messages was indicted yesterday on federal charges.

» **NIGERIA** At least 100 people were killed and scores injured when fuel from a pipeline ruptured by a bulldozer caught fire and exploded yesterday in a village near Nigeria's biggest city of Lagos, the Red Cross said.

» **MESSAGE** An impending message from al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden was announced on Islamist websites and discusses the 60th anniversary of the state of Israel, U.S.-based terrorism monitors said yesterday.

» **IRAQ** Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki vowed yesterday to impose law and order in northern Iraq and said an offensive against al Qaeda militants would end the "dark days" of shootings and bomb attacks. REUTERS

Suicide blast kills 18 in Afghanistan

A suicide bomber disguised in a burqa blew himself up in a bazaar in western Afghanistan yesterday, killing six police and 12 civilians, officials said.

Twenty-two people were wounded in the blast, which happened near a police station in the Del Aram district of Farah province. The policemen were inspecting vehicles on the road outside at the time.

"So far, 18 people, including police and civilians, have been killed," Farah's governor Rohul Amin told Reuters by telephone. Citing officials near the site, Amin said the bomber was wearing the all-enveloping burqa robe commonly worn by Afghan women. REUTERS

Taliban

» A Taliban spokesman told Reuters the attack was carried out by a group member and the bomber was a man and not wearing a burqa.

France **Student protest**

ROBERT PRATTA/REUTERS

Students demonstrate with teachers and other public sector workers in Lyon, southeastern France, yesterday to protest job cuts and reforms announced by French President Nicolas Sarkozy's government. The placard reads "Education in destruction."

Italy sweep nets 383

Crackdown on illegal immigrants

Italian police announced yesterday the arrest of hundreds of suspected illegal immigrants in a sign of the determination of Silvio Berlusconi's new right-wing government to clamp down.

Police arrested 383 people including 268 foreigners, with 53 immediately taken to the border for expulsion, in a week-long operation stretching from northern Italy to the Naples area.

Berlusconi swept back to power for a third term as prime minister last week promising to get tough on illegal immigrants, blamed by many for crime. He is readying new laws to screen immigrants and jail or expel those breaking the law.

Those arrested came from Eastern Europe, Albania, Greece, North Africa and China and face charges ranging from illegal entry into Italy to prostitution, drug trafficking and robbery.

In Libya, police have arrested 240 would-be illegal migrants from African countries over the past four days as they prepared to sail to Italy, the Interior Ministry said. Libya is a springboard for hundreds of thousands of Africans trying to reach Europe via Italy on board unseaworthy boats. REUTERS

no targets

» The policeman in charge of the Italian operation, Francesco Gratteri, told reporters the sweep "wasn't aimed at any specific category or ethnic group."

»news In Brief

» **SUDAN** Thousands of civilians fled clashes between Sudan's former north-south civil war foes in the oil-rich central town of Abyei yesterday before a ceasefire was agreed, officials said.

» **NUCLEAR** President Dmitry Medvedev pledged yesterday to ensure that Russia's nuclear deterrent remained properly funded to ward off threats to national security.

» **POLITICS** Zimbabwe's main opposition party yesterday rejected a delay in a run-off election which could unseat President Robert Mugabe, and called for an urgent meeting of countries in the region to avoid "rivers of dead people."

» **MUSEUM** The Icelandic Phallological Museum offers visitors a close-up look at the long and the short of the male reproductive organ. Founder and owner Sigurdur Hjartarson's collection, which began in 1974 with a single bull's penis, now boasts 261 preserved members from 90 species. REUTERS

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CAW reaches deals with GM, Chrysler

Buyouts for GM's Windsor workers part of agreement

The Canadian Auto Workers union reached tentative contracts with General Motors and Chrysler LLC yesterday, wrapping up a lightning round of talks with Detroit automakers intended to protect workers from an even deeper downturn in the industry.

With five months remaining on the current contracts, the deals marked the earliest agreements ever negotiated by the Canadian union, which rushed to clinch deals with two of the Big Three automakers on the same day, a first since its 1985 split from the U.S.-based United Auto Workers.

CAW president Buzz Hargrove said protecting employees in the face of major layoffs was the union's priority in the GM talks. Windsor, Ont. workers, whose plant is closing, will be offered buyouts of up to $125,000. REUTERS

Housing market 'coming off the boil'

Home sales 15% lower than last year, says report

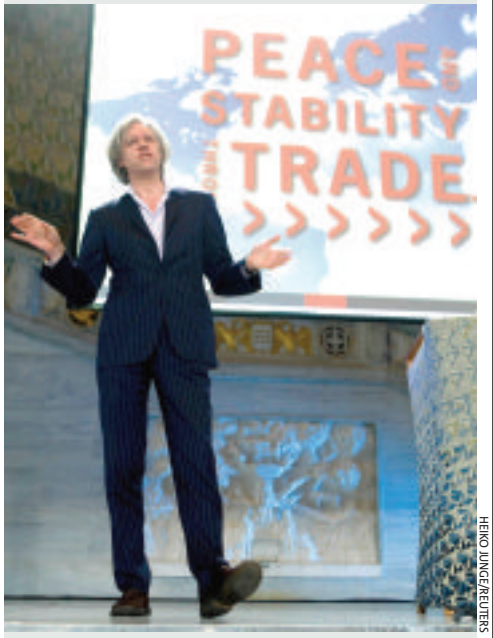
Canada's housing market is "coming off the boil" with the average resale home price in Canada registering its first inflation-adjusted quarterly decline in seven years, says a Scotiabank report.

Existing home sales have now fallen for four consecutive months while running at 15 per cent below last year's levels, says the bank.

The cooling is most evident in western cities such as Calgary and Edmonton, as both centres, according to the bank, have "officially moved into buyers' territory."

Adjusted for inflation, average resale prices have fallen by more than 1 per cent in the first quarter of the year, compared with gains of more than 2 per cent in earlier quarters. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Norway **Peace and Trade**



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Irish musician and activist Bob Geldof speaks yesterday in Oslo City Hall during the opening of The Oslo Conference on Peace and Trade.

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» **RETAIL** Sears plans to open its doors to selected customers on Victoria Day in what critics are saying is a violation of the Retail Business Holidays Act. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Retired NBA star Charles Barkley, left, promised yesterday to repay a $400,000 US gambling debt he owes a Las Vegas casino after a prosecutor said Barkley faced criminal charges. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Flyers fend off Penguins

Philadelphia avoids sweep with 4-2 victory

FLYERS 4 PENGUINS 2

Martin Biron made 36 saves to help the Philadelphia Flyers to a 4-2 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins, avoiding elimination in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals last night in Philadelphia.

Joffrey Lupul scored twice while Danny Briere and Jeff Carter each scored for the Flyers, who forced a Game 5, which will take place in Pittsburgh Sunday afternoon. Scott Hartnell had three assists in the game.

"Tonight's win gives us confidence and it's definitely something to build off of," said Philadelphia forward Mike Richards. "Momentum is such a big thing in the playoffs. We will be going to Pittsburgh and maybe we can squeak out a win there."

Jordan Staal scored both goals while Marc-Andre Fleury made 30 saves for the Penguins, who are looking to advance to the Stanley Cup finals for the first time since 1992.

"Every line stepped up and played equally well," said Flyers forward Scottie Upshall. "Our guys that needed to hit went out and hit and we had some big guys stepping up on defence."

The Flyers came storming out of the gates in the first period and took the play to Pittsburgh.

Philadelphia took a 1-0 lead at the 8:27 mark of the opening frame as Lupul blasted a slapshot from the right circle that tipped off a Penguin stick and sailed over the left shoulder of Fleury.

The Flyers then scored a pair of power-play goals to take a 3-0 lead into the second period.

With Sergei Gonchar in the box, Randy Jones blasted a shot from the high slot that Fleury stopped. However, Briere was behind the defence and swept in the rebound from down low with 8:12 left in the period. Near the end of the frame, R.J. Umberger fired a shot from the right point that was stopped by Fleury. Carter, though, dug out the puck and backhanded it into the net.

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long row to hoe

» Philadelphia is looking to become just the third NHL team to come back from a 3-0 post-season series deficit. The New York Islanders achieved the feat in the 1975 quarter-finals against the Penguins and the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs recovered from an 0-3 hole to defeat Detroit in the Stanley Cup finals.

Big Brown is big Preakness favourite

Kentucky Derby winner seeks to stay unbeaten

The only question surrounding tomorrow's Preakness Stakes appears to be the margin of victory for unbeaten and untested Kentucky Derby champion Big Brown.

With four victories in four starts by a combined 34 lengths, the strapping bay son of Boundary looks to be heading for a Preakness triumph and then a shot at racing's elusive Triple Crown.

"It looks like it's Big Brown's party," Yankee Bravo trainer Paddy Gallagher said of the $1-million Preakness at the Pimlico Race Course. "We're just glad to be a part of it."

Big Brown rolled to an easy 4¾-length victory at the Derby two weeks ago and, out of respect or just common sense, almost all his rivals have decided to skip the Preakness.

Only Arkansas Derby winner Gayego, who finished 17th in the 20-horse race at Churchill Downs, decided to make the trip to Baltimore for the middle jewel of U.S. racing's Triple Crown.

Trainer Richard Dutrow Jr. appeared as confident of his colt as the Pimlico morning-line oddsmaker, who made Big Brown a prohibitive 1-2 favourite for the 133rd Preakness.

REUTERS

John Avery goes tilt on Pinball

YORK REPORT
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Barking up the wrong tree these days is **John Avery**, who has damaged his CFL status by insulting and criticizing **Michael Clemons**.

This is tantamount to, say, dissing Mother Teresa. I mean, seriously, how foolish can you be?

In his two decades as a Hall of Fame player, coach and executive with the Toronto Argonauts, Pinball Clemons has established himself as the CFL's version of Mother Teresa, with countless acts of kindness, humanity and benevolence. Heck, this is a dude who once removed the shoes from his feet, gave them to a needy child in an Ottawa hospital and then walked to his hotel room in his socks — IN THE RAIN!

«Michael Clemons once removed the shoes from his feet, gave them to a needy child in an Ottawa hospital and then walked to his hotel room in his socks — IN THE RAIN!»

No one knocks Pinball. No one, that is, except Avery, who was released by the Argos in January after four years of underachieving as a highly-paid running back. Clemons was Avery's coach.

We figured Clemons showed remarkable patience in keeping Avery on the payroll. Avery didn't see it that way.

"The biggest disappointment I had was Clemons," Avery told reporters earlier this month. "He brought me in and made me believe he had my best interests in mind and was going to look out for me. (Then) he basically stepped back and let (negative developments) happen."

Now, Avery can't find a CFL job. Even the Hamilton Pussy-Cats flatly rejected him.

This is a league that will employ drug addicts and potheads and convicts and troublemakers and NFL discards such as **Andre Rison**, **Ricky Williams**, **David Boston**, **Charles Rogers** and, soon, maybe even **Chris Henry**, but there's no room in the CFL for John Avery.

This is what happens when you have the audacity to backstab Michael Clemons.

» Soon, when the Tampa Bay Lightning fire **John Tortorella**, there will be seven NHL teams without a coach ... After five consecutive losses in the first round of the NBA playoffs, the Denver Nuggets are dangling two stars in trade talks — **Carmelo Anthony** and **Marcus Camby** ... There's no reason to suggest **U.S. President George W. Bush** knows more about baseball than anything else, but he likes the Blue Jays' **Roy Halladay**. Halladay is 4-5. Bush said: "He's a steady guy. He burns up innings."

» More on maple bats: Philadelphia Phillies general manager **Pat Gillick** compares them to "missiles" and is openly worried about the safety of fans in the stands.

For details, and to find out which MLB star paid off a $2,500 bet with pennies, check out my latest MLB Report, exclusively at *www.metronews.ca*.

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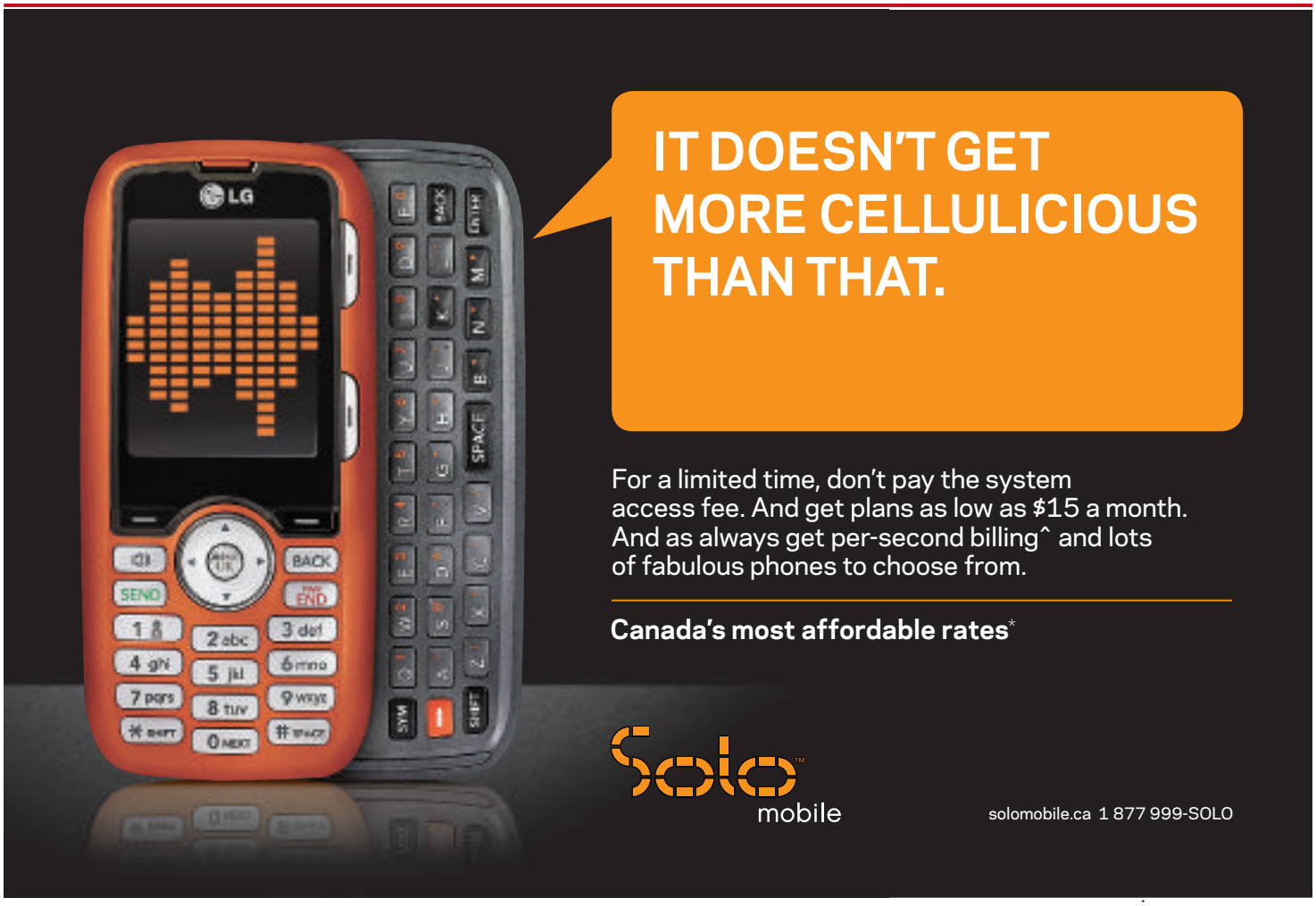
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New venue, same goal for Canada

Team moves to Quebec City in hunt for IIHF gold

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

Canada's pleasure cruise to the semifinals of the world hockey championships has landed in Quebec City.

The dominant squad bid farewell to Halifax immediately following Wednesday's 8-2 thumping of Norway at the Metro Centre, ending a stretch of more than two weeks in the city.

Canada gets a fresh start — not that one is needed — at the Pepsi Colisee as it faces Sweden today at 3 p.m.

"We enjoyed our time in Halifax — the people were great and the fans were great," said Canadian forward Derek Roy, who is coming off a three-goal, one-assist outing. "We've just got to bring this energy and momentum to Quebec."

Canada demolished pretty much every team it faced in Halifax, going on a glorious 7-0 run while outscoring opponents by an average of 6-2 and nearly doubling them in shots.

Sweden has gone 5-2, with losses to Russia and Switzerland. New York Rangers goaltender Henrik Lundqvist is the star of a mostly anonymous team, while NHL rookie-of-the-year candidate Nicklas Backstrom is the team's best-known forward.

Only nine players on the roster played in the NHL last season.

"They look exactly the same as they do in all these world championships," Canadian head coach Ken Hitchcock said. "Quick, great puck movement, great mobility up front, and one of the best goalies in the world. They'll be a handful."

Goaltender Pascal Leclaire will start, but Hitchcock will likely rotate back to Cam Ward if Canada plays in Sunday's gold-medal game at 11 a.m.

MATHIEU BELANGER/REUTERS

Team Canada's Pascal Leclaire splashes his face with water during practice yesterday for the 2008 IIHF World Championships in Quebec City. Canada plays Sweden today.

Ward said the change of scenery isn't a big deal for the team, even though Sweden is already in a comfort zone. Canada held training camp in Quebec City and played a pair of exhibition games at the Pepsi Colisee before arriving in Halifax.

"It's not going to be too much of a surprise for us," Ward said. "We know the rink and we know the atmosphere. It's been a lot of fun in Halifax for two weeks, but we're excited to see some new opponents and rise to another challenge."

Canada, the defending champion, is hoping to become the first host team in two decades to win a world title.

Russia and Finland face off in the other semifinal at noon. Both games will be televised live on TSN.

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baseball

Brewers lock up Braun for 8 years

SIGNING The Milwaukee Brewers have signed left-fielder Ryan Braun to an eight-year, $45-million US contract, the team said yesterday. Braun hit .324 with 34 home runs last season.

The 24-year-old Californian would not have been eligible for arbitration until the 2010-11 off-season and for free agency until 2013-14.

REUTERS

tennis

Sharapova to take over No. 1 spot

RANKINGS Maria Sharapova will take over as world No. 1 next week after Justine Henin asked to be removed from the rankings following her retirement, the governing body of women's tennis said yesterday.

Sharapova defeated Caroline Wozniacki yesterday to move into the Italian Open quarter-finals. REUTERS

Going to Game 7

Spurs top Hornets in Game 6 of home-court series

SPURS 99 HORNETS 80

Manu Ginobili's six three-pointers highlighted his game-high 25 points as the San Antonio Spurs forced a deciding Game 7 with a dominant 99-80 victory over the New Orleans Hornets in Game 6 of their Western Conference semifinal series at San Antonio.

Each game in this series has been won by the home team by double-digits, and New Orleans hopes the trend continues when it hosts the defending champions on Monday for the final game of the back-and-forth series.

Tim Duncan had 20 points, a game-high 15 boards and six assists for San Antonio, which shot 11-of-21 from behind the arc in the win. Tony Parker and Ime Udoka chipped in 15 and 13 points, respectively, for the victors.

JOE MITCHELL/REUTERS

San Antonio Spurs Tim Duncan, left, takes the ball to the hoop past New Orleans Hornets Tyson Chandler last night during Game 6 of their second-round NBA playoff series in San Antonio. The Spurs won 99-80 to force a Game 7.

Chris Paul had his typical 21-point, eight-assist, six-rebound performance, but the Hornets nailed just 2-of-9 from three-point land and connected on just 41.2 percent from the floor in the setback. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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» **HORSE RACING** Eight Belles, the filly who collapsed after the Kentucky Derby and was euthanized, suffered compound fractures of both front legs at the ankles, a necropsy report released yesterday revealed. The necropsy found no pre-existing bone abnormalities, Kentucky's chief veterinarian Lafe Nichols said in a statement. REUTERS

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
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Game 4 — Last night
Philadelphia 4 Pittsburgh 2
Game 5 — Sunday
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 1
*Game 6 — Tuesday
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 5:30
*Game 7 — Thursday
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 5:30
(Pittsburgh leads series 3-1)
WESTERN CONFERENCE
DALLAS VS. DETROIT
Game 5 — Tomorrow
Dallas at Detroit, 11:30
*Game 6 — Monday
Detroit at Dallas, 6
*Game 7 — Wednesday
Dallas at Detroit, 5:30
(Detroit leads series 3-1)
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NBA

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
BOSTON VS. CLEVELAND
Game 6 — Tonight
Boston at Cleveland, 6
*Game 7 — Sunday
Cleveland at Boston, 1:30
(Boston leads series 3-2)
DETROIT VS. ORLANDO
(Detroit wins series 4-1)
WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. LAKERS VS. UTAH
Game 6 — Tonight
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 8:30
*Game 7 — Monday
Utah at L.A. Lakers, TBA
(L.A. Lakers lead series 3-2)
NEW ORLEANS VS. SAN ANTONIO
Game 6 — Last night
San Antonio 99 New Orleans 80
Game 7 — Monday
San Antonio at New Orleans, TBA
(Series tied 3-3)
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MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
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Cleveland 4 Oakland 2
Kansas City 8 Detroit 4
Tampa Bay 5 N.Y. Yankees 2
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels
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L.A. Dodgers 7 Milwaukee 2
Washington 1 N.Y. Mets 0
Philadelphia 5 Atlanta 0
Florida at Cincinnati (ppd.)
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TODAY'S GAMES
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San Diego at Seattle, 8:10
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IIHF HOCKEY

SEMIFINALS
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INGREDIENTS: 1 cup sour cream + 1/2 cup KRAFT 100% Parmesan Grated Cheese + 1/2 cup MIRACLE WHIP Dressing + 1/2 cup each: finely chopped green and red pepper + 1/2 tsp. garlic powder

DIRECTIONS: 1) MIX 2) REFRIGERATE 3) SERVE

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Prep: 5 min Ready In: 20 min Serves: 18

INGREDIENTS: 1 cup MIRACLE WHIP Dressing + 1 cup KRAFT 100% Parmesan Grated Cheese + 1 can (398 mL) artichoke hearts, drained, coarsely chopped + 2 green onions, chopped.

DIRECTIONS: 1) PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Mix all ingredients until well blended. 2) SPOON into 9-inch pie plate. 3) BAKE 15 min. or until hot and bubbly.

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Prep: 10 min Ready In: 10 min Serves: 20

INGREDIENTS: 1 cup MIRACLE WHIP Dressing + 1 cup sour cream + 1/2 cup KRAFT 100% Parmesan Grated Cheese + 1 cup chunky salsa

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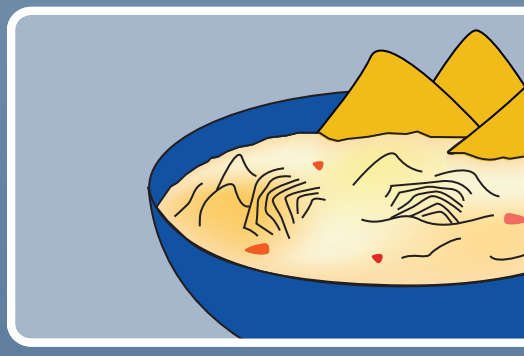

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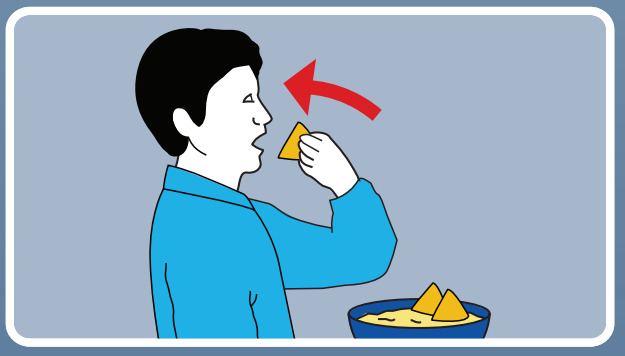

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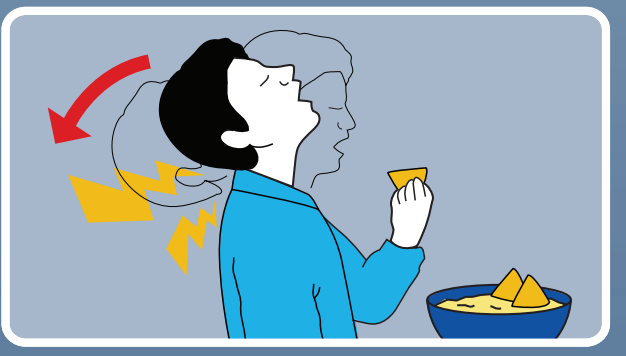

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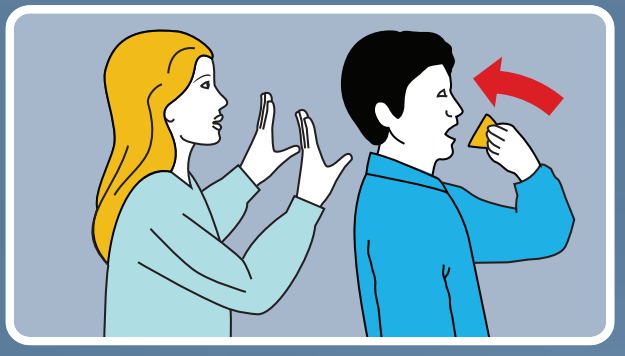

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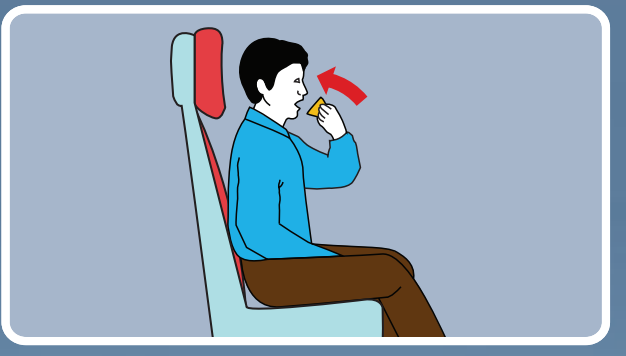

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Duffy

Album: Rockferry
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Release Date: May 13

DUFFY IS THE LATEST in the line of female '60s soul revivalists from the U.K., but Rockberry showcases a fresh mix of that era's more elegant elements. Sweeps of string sections, smooth guitar licks and tambourine shakes complement the arrangements, creating a stark but classic Motown feel with just the right blend of tenderness and drama. The production is thick, but suits a voice that crosses somewhere between Dusty Springfield and Diana Ross, helping these love songs soar away from standard retro ground.

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Crochetiere's got a new gig

Singer's soulful vocals highlight debut solo disc

By **SANDY CAETANO**
for Metro Calgary

Profile WHEN THE SUCCESSFUL run of Universal Music pop group Sugar Jones came to an end, Julie Crochetiere decided to kick-start her solo career.

In 2003, she wrote and independently released her first EP, Café. This led to performances at some of the most highly respected music venues in Toronto, Montreal and New York and invites to the Toronto and Ottawa jazz festivals, Canadian Music Week, North by Northeast and the Montreal International Jazz Festival.

Julie Crochetiere's latest album is called A Better Place.

Even though Sugar Jones had achieved platinum-selling record status, Crochetiere says she always knew there was something more for her to explore.

"Well, nobody really left Sugar Jones — Sugar Jones just kind of dissipated, it's a group that was formed and had a specific mandate," Crochetiere tells Metro. "Eventually, everyone sort of parted and started doing their different things and the record company moved on to other things as well."

The break gave the singer a clean slate and a shot at writing her own music and building something from scratch. Her debut album, A Better Place, was released through Somerset Entertainment earlier this year.

So far, Crochetiere's soulful vocals have been compared to the likes of Norah Jones, Sade and Corrine Bailey Rae.

"I'm very inspired from the sound of the 1970s, musicians in the room, it was strings and horns and choirs, that's what I really wanted on this album," she says.

The record, which has been distributed across Canada and the United States in different lifestyle boutiques and listening posts, has gained such a positive reaction from listeners that people have been e-mailing Crochetiere about their experience in discovering her music.

"It's kind of surreal and crazy. I've had some really good comments ... it seems that people are connecting to it, which makes me happy because I really put all my heart into this album," she says.

ROGERS

TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS

1. Lollipop, Lil Wayne
2. 4 Minutes, Madonna
3. Love In This Club, Usher
4. Bleeding Love, Leona Lewis
5. Low, Flo Rida
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A worthy follow-up

The Chronicles Of Narnia:
Prince Caspian

Stars Ben Barnes, Georgie Henley
Director Andrew Adamson
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By **CHRIS ATCHISON**
for Metro Calgary

Ben Barnes stars in The Chronicles Of Narnia: Prince Caspian.

REVIEW IT'S NO SECRET that special effects advances in the past 15 years have dramatically changed the movie-going experience.

Nowhere is this more noticeable than in the science fiction and fantasy genres where scenes that at one time would have been impossible to shoot are now realized with seeming ease using sophisticated computer-generated imagery.

The Chronicles Of Narnia films are a perfect example of these advancements put to good use, the latest installment of which — Prince Caspian — proves once again that filmmakers are treating fantasy novels with loving respect when it comes time to adapt them for the big screen.

The second film in the series — based on the second of author C.S. Lewis' Narnia books — sees Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy transported from Second World War London to Narnia through a subway station.

One year has passed in Earth time since their last adventure, translating to about 1,300 Narnian years. Much has changed in the mystical world as the talking animals and creatures that once dominated the landscape have long since faded into folklore.

Now the Telmarines, a race of humans, control the land.

A cast of characters including the Black Dwarf Nikabrik (Warwick Davis), the cynical dwarf Trumpkin (Peter Dinklage) and a swashbuckling mouse named Reepicheep (Eddie Izzard) help the four Pevensie kids restore Narnia to its former glory.

Oscar-nominated director Andrew Adamson (Shrek, Shrek 2) does a fine job bringing Lewis' story to life with a blend of old-fashioned sword fights and dazzling special effects — the climactic final battle is spectacular and well worth the wait.

His screenplay, co-written with Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely, is a satisfying continuation from where The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe left off, all the while incorporating theatrical scenes that only build on Lewis' brilliantly-detailed story.

It should be noted, however, that seeing The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe is important for those who actually want to follow the storyline.

It's not impossible to pick up on the action, but it will only enhance the viewing experience for fans in yet another well-casted, well-written entry into what will surely be a long-running Narnia series.

Spurlock strikes again

Where In The World Is
Osama Bin Laden

Director Morgan Spurlock
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By **STEVE GOW**
for Metro Calgary

Morgan Spurlock joins the hunt for America's Most Wanted.

REVIEW BY FEASTING on fatty foods for his hit documentary Super Size Me, Morgan Spurlock wrestled with one of the world's biggest corporate fast-food giants. Now, with Where in the World is Osama bin Laden?, Spurlock is upsizing his canvass to take on another international brand name — al Qaeda.

As he did with Super Size Me, Spurlock takes center stage, exposing himself first-hand to the Muslim world in search of al Qaeda's lead conductor.

Why, you ask? Well, as in all big summer action flicks, it always comes down to "one lonely man" to catch the bad dude.

Of course, that's only the MacGuffin. In reality, Spurlock goes to shed light on the cultural misconceptions between the Middle East and America.

At this, he does make a few discoveries but mainly, we just learn that both Starbuck's and pro wrestling are popular the world over.

Unlike his confrontational counterpart Michael Moore (Sicko), Spurlock's approach works best because he genuinely seems earnest, interested and looking for a laugh. There's surely no denying Spurlock's charm and he keeps things moving using various animated devices (like Osama dancing to M.C. Hammer's "You Can't Touch This" for instance).

However, the problem here is that the movie pretty much exposes what most folks likely already know — that America is suffering a terrible PR problem in the Middle East.

After spending a week in Egypt, Spurlock is surprised to find that America's image is damaged. Hell, I could've told him that before he jumped on the plane.

In the end, you may not find yourself enlightened, but then again, maybe you will. A lot of people were shocked to find out eating nothing but cheeseburgers is bad for you too.

Quote OF THE WEEK

"It's flattering that anybody still cares about these characters. But it's like an amoeba — ever-growing and out of control."

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Two-time Academy Award winner Daniel Day-Lewis may soon settle on his next project. The always-in-demand actor, who is known to be very picky with the roles he chooses, is in negotiations to star in Nine for director Rob Marshall (Chicago). EW.COM

Free World points the finger at us

It's A Free World

Stars Kierston Wareing, Juliet Ellis
Director Ken Loach

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By **RICK McGINNIS**
for Metro Calgary

REVIEW **THE SETTING** for Ken Loach's latest film will be familiar to anyone who's spent any time in London or any other major British city in the last decade — the massive amount of foreign workers staffing virtually every hotel and café in the city, as well as working on every loading dock and construction site.

Some are legal and many are not, and while a lot of effort has gone into recruiting them from all over the world to take these low-paying jobs, not a lot of thought has been applied to the effect this parallel economy will have not only on England but their homeland and every country forced to compete with this thriving but ramshackle new system.

In It's A Free World, when we meet Angie (Kierston Wareing), she's the star recruiter for an English employment agency, processing Polish applicants desperate for a job, fending off passes from her co-workers while sleeping with a handsome young Polish man she'd met earlier that day.

Wareing's Angie is pretty but hard-faced, and it's no surprise that, fired by her employers, she recovers quickly and sets up a competing agency of her own with her flatmate Rosie (Juliet Ellis).

They want to do things legitimately, but have to cut a few corners at the beginning, and quickly become seduced by the quick cash that pours in when they start representing illegal workers.

It's a business dominated by crooks, so it's no surprise that things start to go very badly, jeopardizing Angie's livelihood, as well as her chances of raising her son on her own, not to mention their lives.

There's a lot of the propagandist in director Ken Loach's work, and once you squint past the very effective performances and the gritty looks of the film, the clanking message machinery can be sensed grinding away.

There's a brief but immensely sentimental portrait of an Iranian refugee family, and too many incidents where Angie in particular says and does things that make little sense except to get us to the next shuddering step on this journey downwards.

In the end, the faint impression of a finger jabbing steadily into our chest to make its point is hard to ignore.

Kierston Wareing finds out some unpleasant facts about the new world economy in It's A Free World.

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Grant, Hurley awarded damages

ACTOR HUGH GRANT, his ex-girlfriend Liz Hurley and her new husband won thousands of dollars in damages on Thursday after paparazzi pictures taken while they were on holiday were published in tabloid newspapers.

The pictures of Grant, Hurley and her businessman husband Arun Nayar at a private resort in the Maldives, were distressing and an invasion of their privacy, London's High Court was told.

They were taken by photographers from agencies Big Pictures (UK) Ltd and the French-based Eliot Press.

The pictures were published in the News of the World (NoW) newspaper and its rival the Mail on Sunday (MoS) last October.

The court was told the MoS article was headlined "Hugh's that gooseberry?" while the NoW published the pictures under the banner "Liz does the blokey-cokey."

Hurley, Grant and Nayar accepted a total of 58,000 pounds in damages for invasion of privacy and a public apology from the agencies.

Publishers Associated Newspapers and News Group Newspapers will also contribute to the settlement, the court was told.

Laura Tyler for the trio – who were not in court – said the articles had been distressing.

"It has been most upsetting for (them) to have their privacy invaded by these (organizations)," she told Mr Justice David Eady. The agencies had accepted the photographs should not have been taken and that their actions invaded the trio's privacy, she added.

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Grant, Liz Hurley and her husband were photographed by paparazzi in the Maldives.

Grant, 47, best known for his appearance in the romantic comedy "Four Weddings and a Funeral," split from Hurley, 42, in 2000 – ending a 13-year relationship that survived Grant's well-publicized encounter with a prostitute.

Hurley, a model who appeared in films such as Bedazzled and Austin Powers, married Nayar, a jet-set businessman and a friend of Bollywood film stars, in March last year. The traditional Hindu ceremony in the Indian desert state of Rajasthan followed a week of lavish wedding celebrations after their civil marriage the previous week at a castle in England. REUTERS

Rob Corddry, right, has been cast as the lead in the new film Project A, about a man the U.S. government has engineered to be the biggest jerk in the world. EW.COM

Indy returns after 19 years

Solid story the impetus, co-star Allen says

By **CHRIS ATCHISON**
for Metro Calgary

FEATURE IT TOOK nearly two decades, but swashbuckling archaeologist Indiana Jones is finally back with bullwhip and fedora in-hand, ready to blast his way back into movie theatres.

The 19-year delay in returning the iconic adventurer to the big screen in the series' fourth installment, Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull, has occupied fans of the series who have spent years begging for Indy's return.

His delay, it seems, was due in large part to quality control concerns on the part of his creators.

Producer George Lucas and director Steven Spielberg originally envisioned a trilogy which they completed in 1989 with Indiana Jones And The Last Crusade, according to Raiders Of The Lost Ark star Karen Allen (Animal House, Starman).

But when she got the call to reprise her role as the strong-willed Marion Ravenwood in Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull, Allen learned that a solid story idea, not a lack of will, had been stopping Lucas and Spielberg from bringing Indy to life once again.

"I think the real problem, as I know from conversations with George and Steven, is that they didn't see a point in doing one unless they could come up with a story that was really going to be great and worthy of continuing," Allen recalls.

This installment of the series pits Dr. Jones against evil agents of the Soviet Union led by the villainous Irina Spalko (Oscar-winner Cate Blanchett) and includes a new sidekick, Mutt Williams (Transformers' Shia LaBeouf), who helps the adventurer in his quest to find the highly-coveted crystal skull.

While the film is probably the most hyped of this summer's blockbusters — and perhaps the most highly-anticipated movie in years — the 56-year-old Allen admits that when shooting began on Raiders Of The Lost Ark, she had no idea she was part of what would eventually become a cultural phenomenon. "I had never seen those Saturday afternoon serials and I thought we were making Casablanca," Allen says of the short films upon which the Indiana Jones series was originally based. "I was too young an actor and had no sense of the experience of a blockbuster type of film."

But the question looms, why, after such a long hiatus, was Indiana Jones worth revisiting?

"I think it comes down to good storytelling," Allen explains. "(The stories are) mythic, there's suspense, there's humour and at the centre of the whole thing there's Harrison playing Indiana Jones who is a real, iconic hero.

"As George Lucas says, he's like you and me. He's not a superhero, he's a human hero. He has all kinds of foibles, all kinds of flaws.

"He can laugh at himself and make us laugh with him and I think there's something unique about that."

Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull opens Thursday.

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Karen Allen reprises her role as Marion Ravenwood in the newest Indiana Jones movie.

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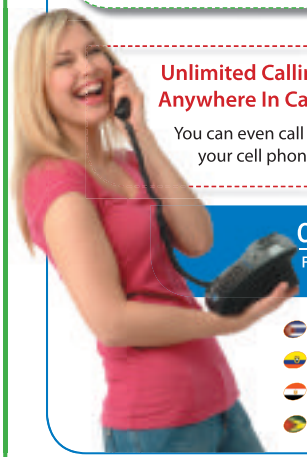

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Dinklage trumps Trumpkin

Actor felt natural fit with Prince Caspian

By **CHRIS ATCHISON**
for Metro Calgary

FEATURE LIKE SO MANY people born in the late 1960s, actor Peter Dinklage (The Station Agent) grew up in George Lucas' alternate universe where wookies, jawas, droids and a mysterious power called the Force ruled the day.

He would watch and re-watch the Star Wars movies relentlessly, finding himself transfixed by their otherworldly storylines, conflicted characters and cutting-edge special effects.

It's no surprise, then, that he leapt at the chance to play Trumpkin, a cynical red dwarf, in The Chronicles Of Narnia: Prince Caspian, the second film in the Narnia series based on the novels of famed children's fantasy writer C.S. Lewis.

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Dinklage

"I grew up on Star Wars and suddenly I'm in one of these movies that's like what I grew up on and it's such a thrill," Dinklage says.

"I love movies about the modern day miseries of living in New York and stuff like that if they're done well, but there's nothing like a matinee fantasy film."

The success and overwhelming number of films or full-blown franchises based on fantasy novels that have been produced in the past ten years or so — Harry Potter, The Lord Of The Rings and The Golden Compass, for example — are proof that movie-going audiences share Dinklage's love of the genre.

The 38-year-old actor considers that perspective a unique one.

His stature often leads to his casting as mythical characters in film so by his own assessment, Dinklage knows a worthwhile fantasy film elf or dwarf when he sees one.

He feels the rich characterizations of the Narnia stories have given the books a definitive literary relevance that has maintained their popularity since first being published by Lewis in the 1950s.

"Being four-and-a-half feet tall I've always thought that dwarves and characters like that in fantasy books were really set dressing, were just creatures and didn't have personalities," he says.

"But with these books, all of them, even the talking mouse, are really fully-drawn characters and bring you into that world."

To play Trumpkin, Dinklage drew on the fantasy heroes of his youth and applied elements of their personalities to bring his crusty character to life.

"There's a modern sensibility to Trumpkin, he has a modern wit about him and about his size and, like me, a sense of humour about my size," he says.

"I'm always drawn to the sense of humour in the fantasy world where sword fights are happening all around you, and you need that core of cynicism and humour.

"So I really liked that. I knew I would be that voice of reason in this world of wonderment."

The Chronicles Of Narnia: Prince Caspian opens in theatres today.

Next up: most wanted man

Spurlock follows McDonald's with Osama Bin Laden

By **CHRIS ATCHISON**
for Metro Calgary

FEATURE IN APRIL 2004, few had heard of writer-producer-director Morgan Spurlock, whose credits to that point included just a handful of plays and a gross-out show for MTV called I Bet You Will. One month later his documentary Super Size Me was released, chronicling the one month Spurlock spent on a steady diet of McDonald's — three Mcmeals a day, no exceptions, resulting in an extra 24 pounds tacked onto his normally lean frame. The film was nominated that year for the Academy Award for best documentary, but ultimately lost to Ross Kauffman and Zana Briski's Born Into Brothels.

Then in 2006, Spurlock decided to embark on yet another extreme filmmaking mission. This time around instead of taking on fast food giants, he would take on public enemy number one — terrorist leader and 9/11 mastermind Osama Bin Laden — or at least try to find him in the new documentary Where In The World Is Osama Bin Laden? The five month shoot took Spurlock to a variety of Middle Eastern locales ranging from Afghanistan's dangerous Tora Bora region, to the relatively peaceful neighbourhoods of Jerusalem in a pursuit of Al Qaeda's number one man — assuming he was still alive and at large. But in the midst of the project, Spurlock learned he and his wife were due to have a baby, complicating his globetrotting plans.

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Spurlock

"Once I found out Alex and I were having a baby, the focus shifted to the kind of world I was bringing a kid into," Spurlock explains.

"We started adding to our list of terrorist experts, terrorists themselves and extremists, people with kids and families. I wanted to meet people like that who were what I was going to be. I'm going to be a father, give me some advice. What's it like being a dad? I wanted to try to connect with people on a level that's much different than a political view."Spurlock says the documentary was intended less as a statement about the war on terror, U.S. foreign policy and the cross-cultural similarities which exist but regularly elude us, than it was as a primer for a greater conversation about those issues and their impact on the world today.

"One of the things I wanted the film to accomplish was to go beyond two-minute sound bites in the news," he says.

"I think the film paints a much larger picture of the state of the world, at least in the Middle East. Another thing I think the movie does really well is it starts to show the diversity of Islam ... there's a big range (of cultures in the Muslim world) and you see that in this movie." Where In The World Is Osama Bin Laden opens today.

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It seems there is one good thing that came from Ben Stiller's The Heartbreak Kid. Stiller saw the talent in his co-star Rob Corddry and has now cast the actor in the new film Project A for New Line Cinema. EW.COM

Protecting actors' image is everything

Hollywood fights over right to distribute media

Arnold Schwarzenegger has had to battle to protect his Terminator image.

FOR ACTORS, image is everything. And misuse of that image is enough to take someone to court for using it without consent.

Over the years, performers have done just that. From Arnold Schwarzenegger suing a car dealership for using his picture as the "Terminator" in an ad, to Fred Astaire's widow stopping the use of the iconic dancer's image in a series of instructional dance videos, "right of publicity" lawsuits are sometimes the only ways an image can be protected. And while a handful of states, including California and New York, have laws on the books protecting a name, voice, signature, picture or likeness for advertising or other uses, the majority do not.

So what happens when a major Hollywood studio wants to sell off film or TV clips of actors without full consent? Are those rights still protected?

The answer is no.

It should come as no surprise to those who followed the 18 days of labor talks between the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) and the studios that one bone of contention was a proposal allowing the studios to set up an online clip library. Under the proposal, the actors would still be compensated for sales of their TV or film clips, but give blanket consent to their use.

The proposal creates a conundrum. Studio contracts generally take precedence, but the guild's current agreement with the producers gives their members the ability to have a say in clips used outside the scope of promotion.

There's no dispute the studios own the clips. But for SAG, giving up control of their members' images is a hot-button issue that could heat even further later this month, when talks are expected to resume.

Since 1960, SAG has negotiated with the studios an agreement that limits the use of their clips for purposes of such things as promotions and trailers. The studios have to get clearance from the actor for anything that falls outside that scope.

"What we're talking about here is a huge rollback to the existing contractual obligation that our members have," said Duncan Crabtree-Ireland, SAG's deputy national executive director and general counsel. "Our contract specifically says that they will not make any other use of the excerpt without negotiating with the actor."

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Despite post, Penn not presidential

SEAN PENN may be president of the Cannes Film Festival jury, but don't expect any buttoned-up presidential behavior from the Hollywood rebel.

During a news conference on opening day Wednesday, the actor-director lit up two cigarettes in defiance of French laws against smoking in public buildings. He used the F-word. And he poked fun at his reputation.

Asked by a reporter if he could confirm that he had hesitated before taking the jury presidency because it means being "wise and sober" for 12 days, the Into the Wild director quipped, "How many days have I got left?"

Penn, a regular at Cannes, won the best actor award here for She's So Lovely, and he showed his own movies The Pledge and The Indian Runner here. When Clint Eastwood's Mystic River played at Cannes, it generated early buzz for Penn's performance, which went on to win an Academy Award.

JEAN-PAUL PELISSIER/REUTERS

Sean Penn heads a jury at the 61st Cannes Film Festival that will screen 22 films and award one the prestigious Palme d'Or.

Penn wasn't all jokes and antics at Cannes — he also let his serious, thoughtful side shine through, urging reporters to see a documentary that the festival included at his special request. The Third Wave is Alison Thompson's look at volunteers who joined relief efforts in Sri Lanka after the 2004 tsunami.

"I thought that it was the closest thing that I had ever seen on film to giving any kind of answer to 'what's the purpose of life?' at least for those who might be lucky enough to have two good legs and a dollar in their pocket," he said. **REUTERS**

Grim drama opens Cannes festival

A GRIM Brazilian drama about society's descent into anarchy launched the Cannes film festival on Wednesday, and politics dominated the opening news conference held by jury president Sean Penn.

Blindness, starring Julianne Moore, marked a somber start to 12 days of movies, publicity stunts and late-night revelry in the Riviera town, which prides itself on embracing weighty cinema as well as rolling out the red carpet for Hollywood royalty.

« One thing goes and everything collapses. »
Blindness Director Fernando Meirelles

Directed by Brazil's Fernando Meirelles, of City of God renown, Blindness is an English-language adaptation of Nobel Prize-winning writer Jose Saramago's novel of the same name, and tells the story of a plague of blindness sweeping the world.

Moore plays a doctor's wife, who, like the film's audience, sees death, cruelty, degradation as well as dignity around her.

"We consider ourselves so strong and sophisticated and solid, and then one thing goes and everything collapses," Meirelles told reporters. "We are skating on thin ice. Anything can happen, and everything does." **REUTERS**

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THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL

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THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG) Fri-Wed 7:40-10:25

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (18A) Fri-Wed 3:30-7:50-10:30 Thu 3:25-7:50-10:30

HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (18A) Fri-Wed 1:10-4:25-7:35-9:55

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NIM'S ISLAND (G) Fri-Wed 12:15-3:25

SPEED RACER (PG) Fri-Wed 11:50-12:20-3:15-3:45-6:30-7:05-9:40-10:05 Thu 11:50-3:15-7:05-10:05

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG) Fri-Wed 12:40-4-7:10-9:35 Thu 12:40-3:55-7:10-9:35

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88 MINUTES (14A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 7:25-10

BABY MAMA (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 12:20-2:45

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KENNY (14A) Fri 7-9:15 Sat-Mon 1-3:15-7-9:15 Tue 7-9:15 Wed 9:15 Thu 7-9:15

THEN SHE FOUND ME (14A) Fri 7:10-9:20 Sat-Mon 1:10-3:20-7:10-9:20 Tue-Thu 7:10-9:20

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FOOL'S GOLD (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:40

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JUMPER (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-7:05-9:55

NEVER BACK DOWN (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-6:45-9:35

SHUTTER (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:45-7:15-10

THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-4

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SPEED RACER: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10

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THE RAPE OF EUROPA (G) Fri 8:50 Sat-Mon 12:10-8:50 Tue 8:50 Thu 8:50

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (14A) Fri-Sun 12

SHINE A LIGHT (PG) Mon 2:30

THE UMBRELLAS OF CHERBOURG (PG) Thu 7

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BABY MAMA (PG) Fri-Wed 12:35-6:45

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THE BAND'S VISIT (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Mon 1-3-7 Tue-Thu 7

REDBELT (14A) Fri-Thu 5-9:20

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS OSAMA BIN LADEN? (PG) Fri 4:50-7:15-9:10 Sat-Mon 12:45-2:45-4:50-7:15-9:10 Tue-Thu 4:50-7:15-9:10

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FUGITIVE PIECES (14A) Fri-Mon 12:05-3-6:35-9:20 Tue-Thu 5:45-8:30

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YOUNG AT HEART (PG) Fri-Mon 12:15-3:30-6:45-9:30 Tue-Thu 5:55-8:35

Michelle Monaghan and Patrick Dempsey in a scene from Made Of Honor, which is currently in theatres.

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Limited-edition Artist Edition T-shirts, left, featuring designs by contemporary artists such as Chuck Close, Barbara Kruger, Kenny Scharf, Sarah Sze, Hanna Liden and more — will be available next Friday exclusively at Gap in the Chinook Centre. METRO NEWS SERVICE

Accessible glamour

Valentino targets new, less rich clientele

ITALY'S VALENTINO, whose founder dressed the Hollywood set and European royalty, wants to make the luxurious brand accessible to the more price-conscious consumer, the group CEO said recently.

Founding designer Valentino Garavani, who retired in January after the group was bought by private equity firm Permira last year, became a byword for glamour during the nearly half-century he dressed the rich and beautiful.

His trademark red evening gowns and sleek black and white outfits were aimed at the stylish wealthy who attend chic luncheons and gala dinners.

"We want to open up the brand to a different consumer," Stefano Sassi, CEO of Valentino Fashion Group which includes Valentino and Hugo Boss, told a meeting of foreign reporters.

"With respect to a clientele that is traditionally richer and not very price-sensitive ... We want to open up to a more modern, also more international, more price-conscious consumer."

Valentino has followed many fashion groups in brand extension and launched a watch collection in April.

"Our strategy is aimed at keeping Valentino at the same level it was put on by (its founders)," he said.

"The excellence of Valentino cannot only be in haute couture and pret-a-porter. It also has to be in ... perfume, a watch."

Despite fears for a slowdown in spending for premium items, Sassi said "things were not going badly" for Valentino. It had sales of 261 million euros ($403.5 million) last year, up 9.6 per per cent. It closed the first quarter of this year with a 13 per cent increase in turnover, Sassi said.

Valentino is looking to open new stores, and Sassi cited China, India, Europe and U.S. as locations.

Former Gucci designer Alessandra Facchinetti, who replaced Garavani, presented her first collection in February, not straying far from the path that made Valentino a red-carpet favourite for women like Elizabeth Taylor and Julia Roberts.

"We are very satisfied," Sassi said.

"We had a collection that had press and buyers' approval. We made an important move forward from a stylistic point of view, but without losing our past. I think it is a good result." REUTERS

LUCAS JACKSON/REUTERS

Right: Model Claudia Schiffer and designer Valentino Garavani. Garavani recently announced that he would like to make his brand more accessible to the price-conscious consumer.

Tyra Banks' Stylista to join Top Model

The CW is going for a full night of Tyra Banks/Ken Mok fashion-themed reality shows with the pickup of Stylista.

The project, described as a reality version of The Devil Wears Prada, centers on 11 aspiring fashion enthusiasts as they vie for a coveted editorial job with Elle magazine.

The project appears Wednesday-bound as a companion piece to Banks and Mok's America's Next Top Model.

Tyra Banks

Stylista contestants will work as assistants to Elle's fashion news director, Anne Slowey, in each episode carrying out an assistant's task and a fashion editorial assignment.

Each week, in consultation with Elle's creative director, Joe Zee, Slowey will fire one person, until the last assistant standing gets "promoted" to the real-life job.

The grand prize includes a paid editorial position at Elle magazine, a paid lease on an apartment in Manhattan and a clothing allowance at H&M, all for one year, valued at $100,000. REUTERS

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Social Climber

It girls on the scene have a new secret weapon for staying in shape.

By Vanessa Craft
Contributing Writer

What's a busy young socialite to do when the summer party season is just around the corner and her diet of canapés and cocktails has left her a little squidgy around the edges? Those in the know call on health and fitness trainer Alex Reznik, who created The Socialite Workout specifically for high-profile party girls who can't afford to be camera shy.

"A lot of clients were showing up for sessions after a night of partying," says Reznik on his inspiration for the program. "They were clearly in no state to work out properly, but I still had to find a way to keep them in shape." The solution? Toning exercises that can largely be done on the floor.

It takes a careful balance of drill sergeant and gentle guide to successfully manage a savvy socialite's excuses for not working out, but part of Reznik's charm is that he takes it all in stride. "One time, I went to a client's house to train her privately," he remembers. "She opened the door, dressed to the nines, and said she wanted to treat me to breakfast so we could have a get-to-know-you chat. I told her we could get acquainted just as easily while she was on the treadmill."

SCREEN TEST

Not sure if you have sensitive skin? La Roche-Posay's diagnostic tool can tell.

A new device called the SensiTest, developed by La Roche-Posay and available at select Canadian drugstores, can help you determine your skin type and sensitivity — and how you should treat it. The free two-minute test — which involves answering a series of questions on a computer screen — took nearly 10 years to develop. Once you've determined your skin type, the SensiTest recommends a skin-care regimen adapted to your needs.

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Editors' Pick

SUMMER SKETCHBOOK

In a season of bold textiles, Virginia Johnson's summer collection stands out with its simplicity: Sailboats and dandelions in fuchsia, teal and yellow decorate cotton-voile caftans and sundresses. "Prairie" evokes a dust storm, while "Chevrons" is a tribal motif recalling the African mudcloths that Johnson loves to collect (*www.virginiajohnson.com*).

ART CLASS

Play with painterly prints.

Nylon and spandex maillot ($55, Speedo)

Resin bracelets ($15 each, Lavishy)

Strapless cotton maxidress ($175, The Bay)

Cotton ballet flats ($45, Shellys)

STUDIO ANDRÉ DOYON

BETTER THAN HOMEMADE

Like the perfect flea-market find, a resin breastplate necklace by Mary Design takes its cue from Arts and Crafts style: It's decorated with random heirloom-type buttons and stones ($65, 1-888-387-6620).

Autobiography of a Wardrobe (Pantheon) by Elizabeth Kendall

BOOKS: CLOSET CASES

Imagine if the chartreuse silk blouse or velvet harem pants that glint reproachfully from the back of your closet had feelings or (gasp) memories of what transpired the last time you deigned to wear them. That is the premise behind **Autobiography of a Wardrobe** (Pantheon) by **Elizabeth Kendall**. The author, whose previous books include The Runaway Bride, has used this unusual device to write an anecdotal history of fashion trends and disasters, from her vile summer-camp shorts to bold Marimekko prints to a ruched lime-green camisole. If nothing else, it will make you clean out your closet. SANDRA MARTIN

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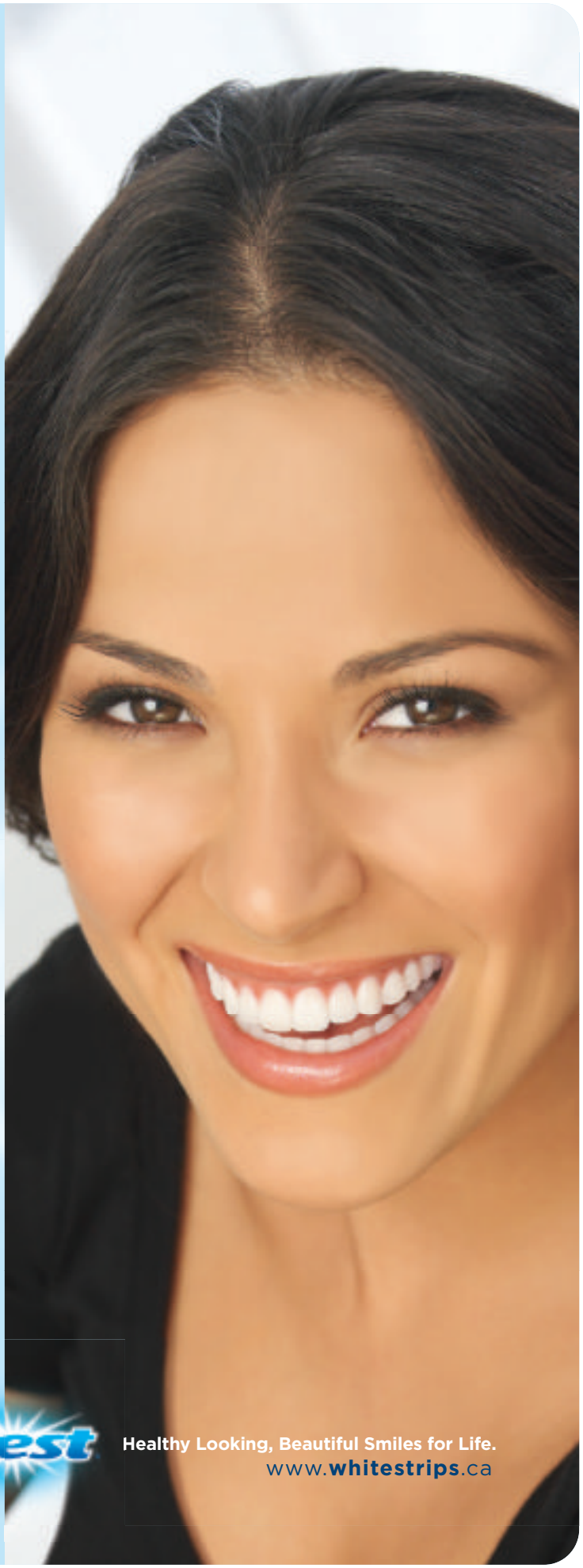

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tv watch

The Leo Kesting Gallery in Manhattan has unveiled a life-sized monument featuring "puppy versions" of Oprah Winfrey's, left, cocker spaniel, Sophie, and golden Labrador retriever, Gracie — atop the talk-show icon's head. WSOCTV.COM

Bachelorette back for more

New season sees return of DeAnna

By **SANDY CAETANO**
for Metro Calgary

Profile DEANNA PAPAS had her heart broken last November when she was dumped by the then Bachelor Brad Womack — but it's her turn now to hand out the roses as this season's new Bachelorette.

It was the first time in Bachelor history that neither of the final two women were given a rose or a ring. Since then, Papas admits she's been out on one date, which went nowhere fast.

"I was on one date since Brad. One date, and it obviously did not go very well," Papas said from New York during a press call. "It was a friend of mine, and we just went to dinner and I realized that he's just a friend."

Even though Womack decided he didn't want to continue a relationship with either Papas or Jenni Croft, a 27-year-old Phoenix Suns cheerleader from Wichita, Kansas, Papas says she's happy he made the decision he did.

"I was really confused when it happened but after it was all over ... I was actually very happy that Brad ... didn't propose to someone just because he was under pressure," she says. "I'm thankful that he didn't propose to me, everything happens for a reason and I'm where I am today because of all of it, and I'm very happy for that."

After her heartbreak on The Bachelor, ABC selected Papas as their newest Bachelorette. This fourth instalment of the romantic reality series, premiering on ABC Monday at 9 p.m. ET and on Citytv Thursday at 9 p.m ET, will follow the 25-year-old realtor from Newnan, Ga., as she tries her shot at love, hoping to find someone she can settle down with.

With 25 men for her to choose from, all of which have the characteristics she's looking for in a life partner, Papas says it was a great journey and one she doesn't regret. So what is this single lady looking for in a mate? "I cannot date someone who smokes, that is a definite no-no. If he's wishy-washy and doesn't know what he wants that's another no-no. Anything else I'm pretty open to," says Papas.

DeAnna Papas is this season's new Bachelorette. CITYTV PHOTO

the suitors

- Brian W., 31, high school football coach
- Brian W., 29, computer network consultant
- Chandler, 25, insurance representative
- Chris, 29, medical sales
- Donato, 26, sales representative
- Eric, 31, senior analyst
- Fred, 30, lawyer
- Graham, 29, professional basketball player
- Greg, 28, personal trainer
- Jeffrey, 27, math teacher
- Jeremy, 30, real estate attorney
- Jesse, 25, professional snowboarder
- Jason, 31, account executive
- Jon, 35, resort manager
- Luke, 27, oyster farmer
- Patrick C., 26, financial analyst
- Patrick D., 27, internet marketer
- Paul, 23, sales manager
- Richard, 27, science teacher
- Robert, 28, chef
- Ron, 36, barber shop owner
- Ryan, 28, professional football player
- Sean, 33, martial arts master
- Spero, 38, actor
- Twilley, 33, programmer

Mercado has lots up her sleeve

By **SANDY CAETANO**
for Metro Calgary

Profile MAKING IT to the Top 3 on American Idol is a big accomplishment for many competitors, and for Syesha Mercado it's only the beginning.

Mercado was eliminated during this week's results show, leaving David Cook and David Archuleta moving on to the finals. Throughout the show viewers have watched her grow both as an artist and a young lady, thanks to the advice given to her by the judges and mentors who appeared on the show to coach the competitors.

Now, Mercado is ready to take on the world and make it her stage.

"Well, as I tell people, I want to do everything, and I'm really goal oriented, so I know that whatever goal I set, it can be accomplished whether its within a year's span or 10 years," says Mercado during a media conference call.

"I want to make an album, I want to star in a film, I want to do Broadway, I want to open up an organic restaurant ... it just depends on what comes first," she continued. "I have goals I want to do and I write them down ... whatever opportunity comes first and what's the best career move for me is pretty much what's going to happen."

Mercado

The 21-year-old aspiring singer from Sarasota, FL also has marriage in her future, but wedding plans are on hold until she gets her career on track. Mercado says she's the type of person who lives in the now, and at the moment there's no big rush to say "I do."

"(My fiancé) is so supportive and we both have a mutual understanding about everything, so when the time is right we'll do it, but right now we're focused on the careers," says Mercado.

The former Top 3 finalist describes herself as a mix of many things. In terms of the album she plans on putting together, Mercado is interested in pop, R&B and even old school musicals. But that's not all.

"I can definitely see myself putting together a Christina Aguilera album like the one she just recently did and an Alicia Keys album," she says. "I'm growing as an artist, I'm evolving ... you'll know who I am once I put out that album."

Fox comedies fall flat

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FOX ON THE RUN: "It used to be that Fox could always be counted on to make something genuinely funny," wrote Tim Goodman in the San Francisco Chronicle this week, surveying the wreckage at the end of this year's TV season, "a sitcom that was fearless in execution, wicked and original. But those days appear long gone," he laments, noting that Fox was, at least in 2007-2008, trying to be "CBS Lite" with shows like 'Til Death and Back To You — three-camera laugh track sitcoms featuring stars from recent hits that did little to push the envelope or appeal to young viewers.

This sort of advice to innovate would be fine a world where Two And A Half Men isn't the biggest comedy in primetime and According To Jim didn't get renewed year after year in spite of the fact that we're hard pressed to name a single person who watches it. Jim fans are, as far as we can tell, like the Nixon voters who gave him a landslide victory in 1972 despite the fact that people like New Yorker film critic Pauline Kael didn't know anyone who cast their ballot for him. We suspect that, like Kael's Nixon voters, Jim watchers are out there, right next to us, and we don't know they're their because their vote, like their choice of show, is their little secret, and they know how we'll react anyway.

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With the cancelation last week of Back To You, it looks like Fox might be pulling back from the middle-of-the-road comedy, but star Kelsey Grammar obviously didn't want to say goodbye so quickly, and a story on Reuters has him personally lobbying CBS and its chief exec, Les Moonves, to get the network to take on the show that, according to Tim Goodman, was a better fit there.

Moonves told Grammar on Monday that they were "thinking about it," but by Tuesday it looked like they'd had their think when Grammar talked to CBS' head of entertainment, Nina Tassler. "She dismissed it," Grammar recalled, which means that the star, and 20th Century Fox Television, the show's producer, will have to shop the show around to the remaining networks, though Grammar admitted that he's heard little from the studio.

"I really believe in the show," Grammar said. "If I didn't I wouldn't have tried to fight for it."

CBS offered a glimpse of its new shows on Wednesday with a compilation reel of a half a dozen new titles on the TV Week web site, but it was hard to get really excited about most of what we saw. 11th Hour, The Mentalist and Harper's Island are dramas with more than a little bit of Lost, The Medium and any number of police procedurals in their DNA, and the comedies looked even less promising, from The Ex-List and Worst Week to Project Gary, a three-camera sitcom marked by more-than-usually strident performances.

Looking over the horizon at fall's new season, I've got to say that I have a bad feeling about this.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

more Idol

» The sixth season of Canadian Idol will premiere on CTV on June 3, CTV has announced.

FRIDAY

	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 5/16/08	243	317 3 CFCN	eTalk	Jeopardy! (N)	Moonlight "Sonata" (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)		Comedy Inc.	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
	-	371 5 KXLY	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos (Season Finale) (N)				20/20
	245	306 6 CBRT	22 Minutes	Just-Gags	Laughs	Comedy Fest	Avril Lavigne: Exclusive		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	244	338 7 CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat ★★ (2003, Comedy)				NUMB3RS (N)		News Hour
	246	- 8 CKAL	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	America's Funniest Home Videos (Season Finale) (N)				The Collector (DVS)		Your City
	119	705 9 CBXFT	Bridget Jones: l'âge de raison (2004, Com. Sentimentale) (SC)				On prend toujours un train (N)		Le Téléjournal (SC)		TJ Alberta
	-	372 12 KREM	News (N)	Hollywood	Friends	Scrubs	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Moonlight "Sonata" (N)		NUMB3RS (N)
	-	374 14 KSPS	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Foreign	NOW on PBS	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		Pioneers-Tele
	-	370 16 KHQ	News (N)	Raymond	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	American Gladiators				Dateline NBC
	-	373 22 KAYU	'70s Show	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story ★★★ (2004, Comedy)				News (N)
news	502	390 15 CBC	CBC News: The National		CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		fifth estate
	500	500 29 CNN	Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)				Larry King Live		Cooper 360
	501	391 52 CTV	CTV Newsnet Evening		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
sports	400	400 21 TSN	NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal			NBA Basketball: Western Conference Semifinal Game 6 -- Lakers at Jazz					EURO Classic
	408	418 27 net	CHL Hockey: Memorial Cup		MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at Colorado Rockies.				Sportsnet Connected		Ult. Fighter
family	552	543 20 YTV	Prank Patrol	Endurance	Ghost	Adrenaline Proj	Naruto	Avatar-Last Air	Futurama	Bleach	Death Note
	557	541 39 FAM	Zoey 101	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Gotta Kick It Up ★★ (2002, Drama)			Ghostbusters II ★★ (1989, Comedy)		
cable variety	-	- 18 CHTV	'70s Show	E News	Extreme Makeover: Home		John Stamos: True Story		20/20		News (N)
	603	561 25 FOOD	Tasty Travels	Giada-Getaway	Diner, Drive-In	Road Tasted	Dinner Imposs.	The Heat	Iron Chef America		Tasty Travels
	615	520 26 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Wannabe"		The Sopranos (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Invasion"		CSI: Miami
	617	522 32 SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis (HDTV)		Cold Squad		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams
	520	505 35 DISC	Bone Detectives		A Haunting		Daily Planet		A Haunting		Bone Detec.
	628	584 43 SPIKE	UFC Fight Night						Ways to Die	MXC	GameTrailers
	522	516 45 HIST	Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	JAG "Meltdown" (DVS)		Cities of the Underworld		Final 24 John Belushi.		Crime Stories
	581	566 102 MTV	Shot at Love-Tila Tequila		Shot at Love	The Hills	Hills Aftershow	MTV Screen	Shot at Love-Tila Tequila		Shot at Love

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primetime 5/17/08	243	317 3 CFCN	W-Five-My Messy Life		Prom Queen (2004, Docudrama) Aaron Ashmore. (DVS)				Comedy Inc.	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
	-	371 5 KXLY	4 News at 6	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight		Hitch ★★★ (2005, Romance-Comedy) Will Smith, Kevin James.				
	245	306 6 CBRT	The Nature of Things		Canada Russia '72 (2006, Docudrama) Booth Savage.				Canada Russia '72 (2006, Docudrama)		
	244	338 7 CICT	Real Fight Club		Mutant X "Wasteland"		Andromeda		renegadepress	renegadepress	News (N)
	246	- 8 CKAL	Blood Ties (DVS)		Murdoch Mysteries		Manufacturing Dissent (2007)			Role	The City Show
	119	705 9 CBXFT	(6:30) La Vie avec mon père (2005, Drame) (SC)				Ben voyons,	Louez un mari	Le Téléjournal	Pour l'amour du country (SC)	
	-	372 12 KREM	News (N)	Scrubs	Cold Case "Joseph"		Cold Case "Thrill Kill"		CSI: NY (HDTV)		48 Hr. Mystery
	-	374 14 KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show		May-December	Jack Benny	Strangers on a Train ★★★★ (1951, Suspense), Ruth Roman				Last of Breed
	-	370 16 KHQ	af2 Football		Spokane Lilac Festival Armed Forces Torchlight Parade (Live)						
	-	373 22 KAYU	'70s Show	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		News (N)
news	502	390 15 CBC	Sat. Report	At Issue	Planet Earth		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	At Issue	Planet Earth
	500	500 29 CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Saturday Night
	501	391 52 CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
sports	400	400 21 TSN	(5) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Sprint All-Star Race. (HDTV) (Live)						SportsCentre	Boxing Friday Night Fights.	
	408	418 27 net	CHL Hockey: Memorial Cup		Sportsnet Connected		European Poker Tour		FullTiltPoker.net		Sportsnet Con.
family	552	543 20 YTV	SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	Ghost	Ghost	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.	Adrenaline Proj	Adrenaline Proj	Mystery Hnt.
	557	541 39 FAM	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Minutemen (2008, Comedy) Jason Dolley.		
cable variety	-	- 18 CHTV	E News	Naked Fashion	Love Sick: Secrets of a Sex Addict (2008, Drama)				Spring Break	Spring Break	News (N)
	603	561 25 FOOD	Dinner Imposs.	Bobby Flay	Kitchen Nightmares		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Iron Chef America		Dinner Imposs.
	615	520 26 A&E	The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48 (HDTV)		Flip This House (HDTV)		The First 48		The First 48
	617	522 32 SHOW	Lies and Crimes (2007, Suspense) Estella Warren.				The Haunting of Sorority Row (2007, Drama), Kailin See				Kenny-Spenny
	520	505 35 DISC	Deadliest Catch "Striking Out"		Criss Angel	Criss Angel	MythBusters		Dirty Jobs		Criss Angel
	628	584 43 SPIKE	Planes, Trains & Automobiles		The Ultimate Fighter		TNA iMPACT!				Disorderly
	522	516 45 HIST	Re-Inventors	Urban Legends	Rome "Philippi"		Bloodlines		Presumed Innocent (1990, Mystery)		
	581	566 102 MTV	MTV Shuffle		Cribs	4REAL	Hills Aftershow	MTV e2	MTV Shuffle		MTV Peaks '08

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primetime 5/18/08	243	317 3 CFCN	Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Desperate Housewives "The Gun Song; Free" (N)				News (N)
	-	371 5 KXLY	4 News at 6	Explorer TV	Extreme Makeover: Home		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		
	245	306 6 CBRT	To Be Announced		Movie				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Paris Hilton
	244	338 7 CICT	renegadepress	Family Guy	Family Guy	King of the Hill	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
	246	- 8 CKAL	Friends	Hates Chris	Funniest Home Videos		The 43rd Annual Academy of Country Music Awards				
	119	705 9 CBXFT	Découverte	Et Dieu créa	Tout le monde en parle "Les Meilleurs Moments" (N) (SC)				Le Téléjournal	À l'ombre de Shawshank (SC)	
	-	372 12 KREM	News (N)		60 Minutes		The 43rd Annual Academy of Country Music Awards				
	-	374 14 KSPS	St. Helens: Out of the Ash		Nature (DVS)		Masterpiece "Cranford" (HDTV Part 3 of 3) (N) (DVS)				Tie a Yellow
	-	370 16 KHQ	News (N)	Wheel-Fortune	Dateline NBC		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Law/Ord SVU
	-	373 22 KAYU	American Idol Rewind		King of the Hill	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
news	502	390 15 CBC	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room ★★★ (2005)				CBC News: Sunday Night		Enron: Smart
	500	500 29 CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	501	391 52 CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
sports	400	400 21 TSN	Hockey: IIHF World Champ.		SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)			Boxing (HDTV)			
	408	418 27 net	(6) MLB Baseball New York Mets at New York Yankees.				Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet Connected		Fight Night
family	552	543 20 YTV	Nickelodeon's 2008 Kids' Choice Awards				Dance on Sunset		Falcon Beach		Falcon Beach
	557	541 39 FAM	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Short Circuit ★★ (1986, Comedy) Ally Sheedy.		
cable variety	-	- 18 CHTV	The Soup (N)	Kardashians	Extreme Makeover: Home		Extreme Makeover: Home		Psych		News (N)
	603	561 25 FOOD	Iron Chef America		Jamie at Home	Nigella	Chef School	Fink	Iron Chef America		Jamie at Home
	615	520 26 A&E	The First 48 (HDTV)		The Sopranos (HDTV)		(9:14) The First 48		(10:14) The First 48		The First 48
	617	522 32 SHOW	Fantastic Four	Billable Hours	Family in Hiding (2006, Suspense) Brenda Strong.				Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie	Sin City
	520	505 35 DISC	(6) Animal Face-Off (N)		MythBusters		Daily Planet		Animal Face-Off Colossal squid; sperm whale.		
	628	584 43 SPIKE	(6) Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back ★★★★ (1980)				Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back ★★★★ (1980, Science Fiction)				
	522	516 45 HIST	Dogfights		Ultimate Engineering		The General vs The President		Clear and Present Danger ★★★ (1994)		
	581	566 102 MTV	Hills Aftershow	MTV Peaks '08	Cribs	Cribs	4REAL	Hills Aftershow	MTV Shuffle		MTV Screen

Gay TV channel drags in RuPaul

MTV Networks' Logo, which targets lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender viewers, has greenlighted a reality competition series starring noted drag queen RuPaul.

RuPaul's Drag Race will feature contestants competing to become "America's next superstar drag queen," with RuPaul serving as host, mentor and judge."

Online voters will help pick one of the contestants at *www.RuPaulsDragRace.com*.

The hourlong, six-episode series is expected to debut on Logo's digital cable channel early next year.

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Shania single again

Shania Twain and her husband, producer Robert "Mutt" Lange, have split, People.com reports.

"Shania Twain and her husband, music producer Robert 'Mutt' Lange, are separating after 14 years of marriage," spokesman Jason Owen says in a statement. "This is a private matter and there will be no further comment at this time."

Twain, 42, and Lange, 59, married in 1993, just six months after meeting. They are parents to a six-year-old son, Eja D'Angelo.

In 2002, Twain opened up about her and Lange's relationship, saying: "Our love has always been based on friendship and compatibility," though, she added, "we are very different."

In early 2000, press reports surfaced that their then seven-year marriage was in trouble, but the couple remained together. Around the same time, Twain all but disappeared from public life, retreating to Tour-de-Peilz, Switzerland. "I needed a break, physically and mentally," she explained of her move. "I needed to leave behind the whole 'Shania' thing and be myself."

In the December 2007 issue of Redbook, Twain said: "I struggled a lot internally with my fame, and coping with it has been very difficult."

As for getting back into the public eye with a new perfume and album to be released this year, she says, "I'm not naturally a spotlight person ... [But] I don't mind being the centre of attention in a controlled, comfortable environment." Metro News Services

Elisabetta Villa/Getty Images

Foster alone

JODIE FOSTER has split with her long-term partner Cydney Bernard, imdb.com reports. The news comes just five months after the actress paid tribute to her alleged partner of 14 years at an award ceremony. The 45-year-old, who had never before acknowledged Bernard in public, gushed about her during an acceptance speech in December, saying: "My beautiful Cydney, who sticks with me through with me through the rotten and the bliss." The couple has two adopted children together. Foster's publicist was unavailable for comment. Metro News Services

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Owen, Kate split

KATE HUDSON and Owen Wilson have called it quits, less than two months after rekindling their romance in Miami, People.com reports.

The end of their erratic courtship (they began dating in September '06) comes amid erroneous reports that the pair were engaged, fuelled by photos of Hudson wearing a Tiffany & Co. ring both on-and-off set of Bride Wars, which she's filming in Boston.

"It was a pretty bad breakup," says a Wilson pal. "Owen said it was a tough one. He definitely doesn't want to dwell on it. He wants to put it behind him."

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Rumer to sing

RUMER WILLIS is set to release a record, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 19-year-old aspiring star – the daughter of Bruce Willis and Demi Moore – has reportedly caught the interest of music executives with her "deep, husky voice."

Willis recently insisted she landed a role in upcoming film Wild Cherry without any help from her A-list parents. She said: "I think when people meet me they're shocked, because the idea of celebrity children is that they're trust-fund babies that don't have any desire to work."

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Dunst dumped

MIU MIU model Kirsten Dunst has been replaced by Johnny Depp's partner Vanessa Paradis, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The French singer will be photographed by Mert Alas and Marcus Pioggott for the autumn advertising campaign.

Miu Miu are yet to officially comment on the switch, but it has been claimed Dunst's departure may be linked to her recent stint in Utah's Cirque Lodge rehab clinic.

Since leaving the clinic, Dunst has been seen with her rumoured new boyfriend Ryan Gosling.

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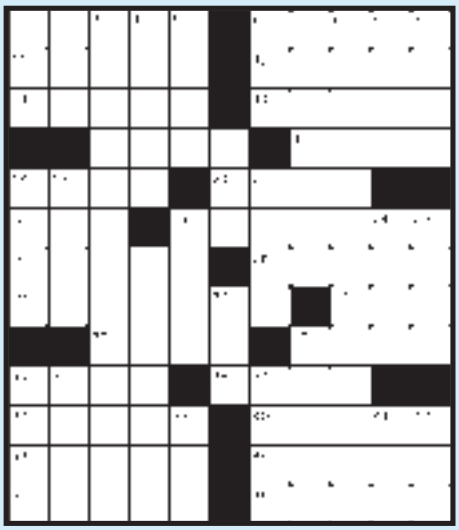

down »

1 Toast spread
2 Have life
3 Boxing category
4 Opposition force
5 Coarse file
6 In shape
7 Bad way to marry
8 Head rest
9 Cube maker Rubik
10 Goblet part
16 Place for a mud bath
18 Junk, for one
19 Jason's ship
21 Balls
23 Ice chunk
24 Film unit
25 Don't budge
27 Hearing range
30 Kennel resident
33 Head out
34 Bath need
35 Havana's land
37 Jungle group
39 Essay
41 Tina's ex
42 Outlaw Kelly

across »

1 "Aladdin" villain
6 Flutes' kin
11 Sports venue
12 Like argon
13 Abattoir offering
14 Macbeth, for one
15 Waiting rewards
17 Molecule part
18 Scrooge cries
20 Luxurious
22 Mine output
23 Trades
26 Consent
28 French cap
29 In the direction of, informally
31 Pod bit
32 Thus
33 Easter symbol
34 Geol. and biol.
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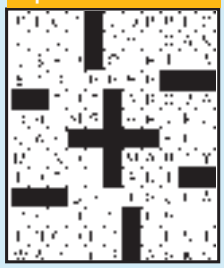
previous answer



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Trust your intuition to lead you. It's a bad time for making compromises. You'll have to come up with specific information fast

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An insignificant person will make idle threats. You'll be able to break unhealthy bonds. Indiscretions will give you a laugh.

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Someone will set your feelings free. Find out something about a battle of wills. Any carelessness will cause an extreme reaction.

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You'll be told about a refusal being given. A financial burden must be shared. There'll be talk of a specialist being dismissed.

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7								3
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		4		8		6		
9								6
		2	6		5	7		
	8		1		7		3	

instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

9	5	4	8	2	6	1	7	3
3	6	2	5	1	7	4	9	8
1	7	8	3	4	9	6	5	2
6	2	1	7	8	3	5	4	9
8	9	7	1	5	4	2	3	6
5	4	3	9	6	2	7	8	1
4	8	5	6	9	1	3	2	7
2	3	6	4	7	8	9	1	5
7	1	9	2	3	5	8	6	4

This Day IN HISTORY

May 16, 1770: 14-year old Marie Antoinette marries 15-year-old Louis-Auguste who later becomes king of France.

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Sunny. 28°	Clear. Low 9°	Mainly sunny. 28°/ 13°	Mainly sunny. 25°/ 12°	Mainly sunny. 21°/ 8°

Temperature
Normals
High: 17.1°
Low: 3.1°

Records
High: 27.8°/1891
Low: -3.9°/1899

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